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Tributes to teen killed in early morning crash

TRIBUTES have been paid to a teenager who died after a collision in Barry during the early hours of last Saturday morning.

Pedestrian Mason Richardson, aged 19, was killed following a collision with a blue Citroen C1 along the A4226 at around 2.30am.

Police have revealed Mr Richardson was from Boverton in Llantwit

Major. His family said in a statement: "The family of Mason Richardson wish to express their heartfelt thanks and appreciation to those who have sent messages of sympathy and floral tributes during this difficult time."

"Mason was a much loved son and friend who was loved and liked by many, which is evident through the amount of messages being sent."

The statement added:

"A much loved and liked character from the Llantwit Major area, he will be sorely missed by his loving parents and friends alike."

"Rest in peace mason."

South Wales Police is continuing to appeal for information following the collision.

Officers would like to speak to anyone who may have witnessed the Citroen's manner of driving or seen two pedestrians walking in the area between 2am and 2.30am.

Motorists who may have dash-cam footage of the incident is also being urged to get in contact with officers.

Anyone with information should call police on 101 quoting occurrence 2000074049.

Tories celebrate after Barry incinerator vote



CONSERVATIVES on the Vale Council are claiming that by winning a vote in council last week, they have put significant obstacles in place to stop the Biomass plant in Barry from operating.

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Grateful thanks for care

AFTER a lengthy stay in the Princess of Wales Hospital, I was released into the hands of carers from the Vale Practice in Barry.

I would like to express my sincere thanks to this wonderful group of ladies. I was pretty helpless with low morale at that time, and these dear ladies kept me clean and comfortable every day, gave me good advice and cheered me up.

Thank you so much Linda, Natalie, Gwen, Helen, Deborah and all the others whose names I may have left out. I will never forget your kindness, and thank you all for giving me back my independence.

Thanks also to my dear family, friends and neighbours who supported me during this time and to the practice nurses who came every day.

Deirdre A Mollart, Llantwit Major.

Calling all veterans!

We are the Barry Veterans Group that meets weekly at the Witchill Community Hall, Dyfan Road.

Born out of another group, we are a fledgling group whose focus is veterans from Barry and the surrounding areas, but still retaining links with established and national bodies.

If you fancy a cuppa and a chat and wish to make or renew friendships, join us between 10am-1pm on Tuesday or the first Saturday of the month.

J W Edwards, Barry Veterans/Change Step.

'Spend money on worthwhile projects'

As Vale of Glamorgan councillors review the environmental issues surrounding the Barry incinerator, surely it's time for them to do the same for the outdated plan for an M4 airport link road through the Ely Valley that will cost taxpayers over £100 million?

Recent flooding around Peterston Super Ely and Pendoylan clearly shows the river is under pressure and the run-off from the concrete and tarmac of the council's planned new freight road, as well as the destruction of water-slowing ancient woodlands, can't do anything but make flooding worse.

The road plan, first proposed in 2017, urgently needs an independent environmental impact assessment – at the very least, as it is out of sync with the council's declaration of a Climate Emergency. Better still, this damaging plan needs to be abandoned and the money spent on more worthwhile projects.

M Lloyd, Peterston Super Ely

Lack of drop down kerbs in Cowbridge

On Saturday night we had a very successful turn out for our Cowbridge Ghost Walk.

For the first time in five years, we were joined by a wheelchair user. We started from outside Holy Cross Church, where the drop down kerbs are visible, then across the Southgate which understandably was a structure built with defence in mind.

We proceeded towards the old toilet block at The Butts towards the cattle market, but to access the pavement heading towards the High Street on the right hand side was impossible for the wheelchair user without the assistance of three of my guests. Heading towards North Road and on to the public toilets at the rear of the town hall, there was no drop down pavement.

This is unacceptable for our disabled community.

Readers' Letters

Please keep your letters BRIEF and address them to: The Editor, at Glamorgan GEM Ltd, Graig House, 53 Eastgate, Cowbridge CF71 7EL. Tel or email editorial@glamorgan-gem.co.uk

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How does the Vale of Glamorgan Council respond to this?

Karl-James Langford, Barry.

'MP should stop trying to score cheap political points'

IREFER to the article in last week's Gem where our MP, Alun Cairns, takes issue with the Council Tax rises in the Vale over the past 10 years.

During this time, councils across Wales have had to deal with the consequences of austerity administered by his Government. I will agree that in the early years of austerity, there were savings to be made with little consequence to council services but in later years, it has been impossible to make savings without having a devastating effect on the very services which are supposed to support the most vulnerable in our society.

The effect of continuing austerity has meant that local authorities have had to increase Council Tax to maintain these essential services, the burden moving to them rather than UK and Wales Governments to fund them. If local government settlements had kept up with inflation over the past 10 years, there would have been no need for Council Tax to be increased by more than inflation.

It would also be preferable if Alun compared the Vale with Welsh rather than English authorities, then we would see that the Council Tax in the Vale is well below the Welsh average and the increases in the past few years have been some of the lowest in Wales.

I am tired of hearing how Alun negotiated a deal where Wales receives £120 for every £100 spent in England; the fact is that if councils are unable to adequately provide vital services with the settlement they receive, then there is no option but to raise council tax or cut services.

Alun also claims that Council Tax increases 'undermine the work being done to attract investment' when he knows full well that increases in Council Tax have no bearing on business rates which are set by the District Valuer, and collected by the councils on behalf of Welsh Government.

Can I respectfully suggest that Alun stops trying to score cheap political points and instead champions local government, and campaigns within his party for a fair settlement for all councils in England and Wales.

Councillor John Thomas, St Athan Ward.

Smacking ban not 'trivial'

HAVING read Mrs Morris' letter, I am convinced that I'm misunderstanding her intent when she describes the smacking ban on children as 'trivial'.

Has she actually written in and publicly declared her support of hitting children? I would love her to get on her soapbox in Cowbridge town centre, expounding her declaration.

Surely when talking to children, patience and

empathy are prerequisites? Once you hit a child, any respect they had becomes fear, and commanding a child's fear is definitely not the same as commanding a child's love.

The rest of her message does convey a sense of the hyperbolic, however, stating that education is 'totally devalued' and that the minister 'embarrassed himself on the world stage'.

I haven't yet seen mention of it in the international press, but I await eagerly.

Rob Abushal, Barry.

Bombs on the beach

AFTER reading Karl-James Langford's recent letter, I don't understand how he can blame the two people that were singled out and probably not even born until after the Second World War.

The fact is, during major conflicts, many ships and submarines were sunk full of armaments, planes were shot down full of bombs, many mines were laid in the sea.

It should be quite frightening how much stuff is down there waiting to be found, especially in a highly corrosive salt environment.

After the First World War and during the Second World War, bigger, better and more dangerous armaments were lost to the sea. Towards the end of the war and in the 1950s, countries were testing out nuclear bombs in the sea.

I am surprised that the fish that we catch and eat are not glowing with radiation or full of cordite ready to explode in our faces – look at mankind's inability to live in peace to blame, and not these two individuals. Just be careful, Karl, not to tread on the next UXB!

James Wild, Llantwit Major.

'Pawsome' afternoon tea

ARE you a cat lover who enjoys baking? If so, Cats Protection would like your help to raise money for cats in need by hosting a Pawsome Afternoon Tea event in April. Organising an event is easy and you can hold the event in your home, workplace or school.

This year, *MasterChef* winner Tim Anderson and *Bake Off* star Kim-Joy are supporting the event by providing their own recipes to help support the cause.

Now in its fourth year, the event provides a wonderful opportunity to spend quality time with loved ones enjoying some bakes, as well as raising funds to help the many unwanted cats in our care.

To register for a free Pawsome Afternoon Tea pack and to view Tim and Kim-Joy's recipes, please visit www.pawsometea.org

Zoe Thompson, Cats Protection.

Where is the investment?

IN your article 'MP furious at (Council) tax increases' (Cowbridge and Llantwit Gem, February 20) you quote Alun Cairns as claiming that he had 'negotiated a new settlement which sees Wales receive

£120 for every £100 spent in England'.

Mr Cairns' £120 for every £100 spent in England relates to the annual block grant Wales receives from Westminster to cover public expenditure in devolved areas of government, specifically to any consequential payments added to match any activity undertaken by England in these areas.

All political commentators, with the exception of the Tory Government, have always argued that public expenditure levels between regions ought to be dictated by need rather than population size, a concept first mooted in 2010 by the independent Holtham Commission.

So Mr Cairns' contribution has involved finally giving ground after 10 years of Welsh Assembly pressure to a needs-based, not population-based, formula.

Without agreeing to review what ratio this should be, they have settled on £120 for every £100, £5 above the current level of £115, which happens to be the level recommended by the original Holtham Commission.

The £120 also only becomes available if England actually spend the £100 in the first place. And the succession of austerity budgets that the Tory party have delivered over this past decade have seen Wales's Block Grant, in both real terms and per capita, decline by 5% since 2011-12.

This has resulted in the Welsh Government having to divert funds intended for local councils to cover the deficit, which in turn has meant these councils having themselves to increase their rates to fund their operations.

So the rise in rates so strongly condemned by Mr Cairns is a direct result of his own government's austerity policies.

Mr Cairns also conveniently omits to mention that the £120 for £100 so called deal only relates to devolved activities, the block grant only actually accounting for a quarter of Welsh Public Expenditure.

Looking at the total spend, Wales comes in at only £111 per head above England's £100, which must mean that there are areas of government, specifically non devolved areas still handled by Westminster, where England's spend must be decidedly greater than Wales.

And such is the case, particularly in the area of investment as opposed to social protection. Wales, while accounting for 8% of the railway network, only receives 1% of Network Rail investment, and this is before we have added the £100bn for HS2 into the equation.

Research and Development spend is £5 a head in Wales, compared to £54 just in London.

Where is this investment Mr Cairns talks about?

I feel Mr Cairns has misled and misinformed us a touch.

Is it not time that he stopped being the Conservative Party's obedient mouthpiece in Wales, and fulfilled his proper job description positively representing Wales (previously) and the Vale of Glamorgan in Westminster?

Peter Daniels, Llantwit Major.

HIGH TIDE TIMES

The high tides listed in this week's Gem are those in Portcawl. It should be remembered that along the coast, high tides times will vary. For instance, in Barry the high point will be 20-25 minutes later.

UNTIL MARCH 12

Date	Time	Height (metres)
05/03/2020	01.53	7.3
05/03/2020	14.44	7.7
06/03/2020	03.21	8.0
06/03/2020	15.59	8.3
07/03/2020	04.28	8.5
07/03/2020	17.01	8.8
08/03/2020	05.22	9.3
08/03/2020	17.51	9.6
09/03/2020	06.11	9.9
09/03/2020	18.36	10.1
10/03/2020	06.57	10.5
10/03/2020	19.22	10.6
11/03/2020	07.41	10.8
11/03/2020	20.05	10.8
12/03/2020	08.24	10.7
12/03/2020	20.45	10.6

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Family made homeless after severe storm battered their home

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A MOTHER and daughter have been made homeless after a severe storm caused nearly £20,000 worth of damage to their home in Barry.

Extremely strong winds blew the roof off of Ceri Baker's property in Pendine Close recently – leaving it completely uninhabitable.

Ms Baker, aged 57, and her 13-year-old daughter Jessica Sheppard have been forced to split up and start sofa surfing with family after Storm Dennis wreaked havoc last month.

As well as taking the roof off,

the storm also caused ceilings and walls to crumble, large cracks to appear and left the property water-logged.

Ms Baker, whose son Craig killed himself last year, revealed she doesn't know what's going to happen now as she did not have home insurance – and now faces a £17,000 repair bill.

She explained that she chose to take out life insurance instead of home cover because her husband David died in 2006 when she was just six-months pregnant with Jessica.

She told the Glamorgan GEM: "I do not know where I stand as I am not insured.

"It was either life insurance or house insurance and I chose life insurance because Jess' dad died when he was young."

"Living in the middle with two houses either side, I just didn't think anything like this would ever happen."

"I haven't got a clue what is going to happen now. It's all a bit up in the air."

Ms Baker, who has moved into her sister's home in Barry, said the hardest part of the "nightmare" ordeal was being separated from her daughter Jessica, who is living with her cousin on the other side of town.

She said: "It is really, really hard. Me and my daughter have been separated."

"It has been very hard on Jessica."

"My dad is in hospital at the moment, this is the last thing I need right now."

"I have been split up from my

daughter and that is the worst bit."

Ms Baker's niece Natalie Meredith has now launched an online fundraising appeal to help get her aunty back on her feet.

Ms Meredith said: "Storm Dennis caused the roof of my aunty's home to completely come off, leaving them unable to go back home."

"Since then, the house has deteriorated and the ceilings have fallen down and flooded inside the house."

"Ceri is on benefits and is unable to fix the roof as she has no funds and no-one who can help, so I am asking people to donate what they can to help Ceri and Jessica reunite and have their home back as they are sofa surfing through family."

Visit www.gofundme.com/f/storm-dennis-makes-women-and

Pictured left and right is just some of the damage Storm Dennis caused at Ceri's home in Barry recently.



Pictured above is 13-year-old Jessica Sheppard, left, and her mum Ceri Baker,



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Calls for prosecution after teen plunged to his death at Majorca hotel

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PRIME Minister Boris Johnson has been urged to put pressure on the Spanish authorities to instigate a criminal prosecution after a teenager from the Vale of Glamorgan died at a hotel abroad.

Thomas Channon, from Rhoose, died after falling some seven floors over a knee-high wall at the Eden Roc Complex in Majorca in July 2018.

The 18-year-old had taken a trip abroad with a group of friends to celebrate the end of their A-Level exams and had been out watching a World Cup football match on the night of the fall.

An inquest into the youngster's death, held last year, heard that the spot where Mr Channon fell was "dangerous" because of the low height of the wall and large drop on the other side.

Mr Channon was the third holidaymaker to die at the hotel in a year with Thomas Hughes, aged 20, dying in similar circumstances just a month earlier.

Coroner Graeme Hughes said that Mr Channon's death could have been prevented if simple safety steps – including erecting a fence – were taken after Mr Hughes' death.

Vale of Glamorgan MP Alun Cairns this week called on



the Prime Minister to step in and help secure justice for Thomas and his family.

Mr Cairns said during Prime Minister's Questions yesterday: "My constituent Tom Channon tragically died at the Eden Roc Complex in Majorca in July 2018 in an accident that was preventable and avoidable."

"This was just five weeks after Tom Hughes from Wrexham fell to his death at the same site in similar circumstances. Nothing had been done to make the area safe."

He told the House of Commons: "An independent surveyor's report shows significant health and safety deficiencies."

"Tom's parents John and Ceri Channon have been calling for a criminal case to be brought against those responsible."

"Will the Prime Minister use all his influence to press the Spanish authorities to instigate a criminal prosecution that will not only seek justice for Tom, but will also facilitate improved health and safety standards across accommodation in Majorca to help prevent similar tragedies in the future."

The Prime Minister replied: "I thank my Right Honourable friend very much for raising what sounds like an appalling case and I'm sure the whole House will join with me in expressing our deepest sympathies to Tom's family and friends. To seek justice for Tom, I am very happy to ask the Foreign Office to begin talks with him and then, of course, our Spanish counterparts."



Tom Channon (left) with his brothers Harry and James

Conservative group celebrate after Barry incinerator vote

CONSERVATIVES on the Vale Council are claiming that by winning a vote in council last week, they have put significant obstacles in place to stop the Biomass plant in Barry from operating.

A Conservative debate calling on the Welsh Government to issue a 'Discontinuance Order' on the Barry Biomass plant was passed last Wednesday at a meeting of the full council.

As a result of the vote the Vale Council is now required to hold an independent inquiry to look at potential errors in planning decisions taken by its Planning Committee relating to the incinerator.

The motion – tabled by the Conservative Group – also called on the Vale Council to consider taking enforcement action on the development.

The debate came after news emerged that the industry regulator Ofgem has now changed its listing of the plant to "live". The change in status means that the plant is now receiving RO subsidies.

The Vale Conservative group leader, Cllr Vincent Bailey, said the vote showed that the local authority is "at last speaking for Barry residents".

He said: "This is a significant victory for the campaign to stop the Barry Incinerator and it's a huge relief that the council is at last speaking for Barry residents."

"Serious mistakes have been made in allowing the incinerator to be built so close to local residents, and it's a matter of huge regret that no Environmental Impact Assessment has ever been undertaken on the plant."

"The Vale Council has taken a collective

stance to oppose the incinerator, and the pressure is now on Welsh Government to take appropriate action."

"The developers cannot be allowed to creep this plant into full production without proper planning consent, and without ever having satisfied public concerns over the damage it could do."

Cllr Bailey is now calling for prompt action from the Council and Welsh Government, following the vote.

He said: "Residents have been waiting for nearly two years for the Welsh Government to decide whether to impose an Environmental Impact Assessment. But they can do something much more significant now and step in with a Discontinuance Order."

He added that the council should act quickly to set up an independent inquiry.

Cllr Neil Moore, the Leader of the Vale Council, said: "The purpose of the motion was to seek an independent review of the council's determination of all planning applications related to the Biomass plant."

"Until that review is undertaken there should be no talk of errors or holding people to account."

"It would be prejudicial to any review to use the language that Cllr Bailey has used. He has clearly made up his mind regarding the planning process and the decisions that were taken."

"Talking of stopping the biomass plant is highly inappropriate, misleading and gives false hope to many residents who have concerns. Far better to hold the independent review, and that review will then inform the next steps."

Council comes up with new plan for primary schools

THE Vale Council has announced a change of heart over the future of Y Bont Faen Primary School in Cowbridge.

Last November, the council announced plans to close the school and instead build a large 420-place primary school in the grounds of Cowbridge Comprehensive School.

That new school would be part of the comprehensive school – a model already in place in Ysgol Bro Morgannwg in Barry.

This plan was opposed by Y Bont Faen's governors, who said they could see no benefit in a 'straight-through' school where primary pupils moved automatically into the secondary school.

The governors also accused the Vale Council of failing to invest in the fabric of the school, saying that it had suffered from a "despicable" lack of investment.

Now, the council has published revised plans which it says will "meet the increasing demand for English medium primary school places in Cowbridge".

The new plan involves keeping Y Bont Faen Primary, but also building a smaller new school with 210 places in the grounds of Cowbridge Comprehensive. This would still be a 'straight through' school.

The Vale Council said that the consultation into its proposals had closed in January with 67 per cent of respondents opposing the proposal.

A spokesperson said: "As a result, the council has listened to the feedback from parents, teaching staff, governors and local councillors and has revised the proposals."

A council spokesperson insisted: "There is still a need to meet increased demand for primary school places in Cowbridge. However, there was little support for amalgamating Y Bont Faen Primary with Cowbridge Comprehensive School and, having considered the feedback received, another feasible proposal has been identified."

Under the revised proposals, the council would seek to change the age range of Cowbridge Comprehensive School from 11–19 to 3–19.

The capacity of Cowbridge Comprehensive School would also be increased to accommodate 210 primary school places, with an additional 48 part-time nursery places available.

Therefore, a new primary school building would be constructed on the site of Cowbridge Comprehensive

School.

Y Bont Faen Primary school, as a result, would remain on its current site with its existing capacity.

Cllr Lis Burnett, the Vale Council's deputy leader and cabinet member for education and regeneration, said: "It was clear from responses to the previous consultation that there is an emotive attachment to Y Bont Faen Primary school and its current site."

"There are also strong links to the community given its current proximity to Cowbridge town centre and an ambition in the town to promote and maintain sustainable travel. Therefore, we have listened to the feedback from parents, teachers and the governing body and under the revised proposals, Y Bont Faen Primary School would remain as it is."

"Some concerns were raised about the state of the current school building and these will be addressed at a later stage. Parents also raised concerns about the affect the previous proposals would have on the teaching staff and ethos of Y Bont Faen Primary School."

"Whilst these concerns were mitigated in the detail provided under the consultation, we hope that the new proposal will be seen as a positive alternative."

The Gem approached the governing body for comment, but none had been received as we went to press.

However, given the governors earlier remarks about investment in the fabric of the school, it is likely that they will be looking for clarification on this issue.

The council will need to undertake a statutory consultation on the new proposals, under the School Organisation Code. If approved by cabinet on March 9, this consultation would run from March 16 until May 1.

Vale MP Alun Cairns said: "The Vale Council's statement on the proposed school merger, unfortunately, raises more questions than it answers. With one hand, the Council is closing schools like Llancarfan and on the other is building new schools with no explanation of where the pupils will be coming from."

Cast meet evacuee ahead of wartime play

PENARTH Operatic and Dramatic Society (PODS) will be staging the wartime drama *Goodnight Mister Tom*, based on the book of the same name by Michelle Magorian, at the Paget Rooms later this month.

The story centres around evacuee, William Beech, and this week Sam Dacey, who plays William, and the other children in the cast met up with a real evacuee to find out what life during the war was really like for children who were moved from their homes.

Brian Gardner, a long-standing member of PODS, was evacuated along with hundreds of other children from Cardiff in 1940 at the age of five.

"I was away from home for several years during the war," said Brian to the children as they asked him about his experiences as an evacuee.

"I lived with a lovely family and moving to the countryside seemed like a great adventure at the time."

When the children asked Brian whether he missed his family during his time as an evacuee, he told them that he went home at Christmas and Easter but that he also made lots of new friends in the village amongst other evacuees.

Many children who were evacuated during the Second World War have fascinating stories to tell about their time away from home. Meeting Brian and talking to him about his experiences was like a living history lesson for the children in the *Goodnight Mister Tom* cast.

"My character is an evacuee who is sent away during the war, so it was amazing to talk to someone who had actually done this," said Sam Dacey.

The play's director, Kim Herniman, said: "Most children today couldn't imagine being sent away from home to live in a strange place with people they



Evacuee Brian Gardner met with members of the dramatic society ahead of their performance of Goodnight Mister Tom.

had never met. We felt it was important for the children in the cast to hear what it was really like from someone who had been an evacuee. We're really grateful to Brian for sharing his memories with us – his recollections were fascinating and brought a tear to many an eye in the room."

Goodnight Mister Tom is on at the Paget

Rooms from March 18-20.

Tickets are available from www.ticket-source.co.uk/pods or in person from Griffin Books on Windsor Road, or you can call 029 2071 2260. Brian Gardner is also the PODS ticket secretary, so you may get to speak to a real life evacuee if you book by telephone.

Treats left for officers by strangers on police vehicle

BAGS of sweets were left by a stranger on a police vehicle in Barry to treat on-duty officers on St David's Day.

Two bags, containing an assortment of chocolates such as Kit Kats, and sweets like Haribo and Werther's Originals were left on the windscreen of a police vehicle in Barry on Sunday, March 1.

South Wales Police took to social media on Sunday evening to thank the strangers who left the sweets.

The post, which was on the South Wales Police Bridgend and Vale of Glamorgan Facebook page, said: "What a generous, kind gesture from the members of the public who left these treats on one of our vehicles in Barry."

"Thank you so much — your sentiment is really appreciated and yummy!"

Officers also shared a photo of the two bags to Facebook – inside each bag there was also a note saying "You've been hit by The Police Gamers!" before leaving details of where to find an online group the strangers were a part of.

Followers of the force's Facebook page voiced their support for the kind actions of the strangers.

While the identities of those behind the bags of sweets are not known, it is thought to be a mother and daughter who live in the Barry area.

Hit The Police Gamers is understood to be part of a UK-wide group, which is growing in popularity on social media, called Hit The Ambulance Gamers.

While it was set up with ambulance workers in mind, the group does branch out to other emergency services, leaving treats on police vehicles, fire engines and even an air ambulance with members of the group sharing notes with the works they've left treats for, and then posting photos of their successful 'hits' to the Facebook group.

The Private Group, which has over 36,000 members, can be found by searching for Hit The Ambulance Gamers on Facebook and Twitter.

South Wales Police was contacted following the Facebook post however it did not respond in time before going to print.



Treats left for police officers in Barry

Shop shelves have run out of hand sanitiser

STORES across Wales have run out of hygiene products such as hand sanitiser gel since the Coronavirus outbreak.

Shoppers in the Vale of Glamorgan and Bridgend areas have been unable to find the products, including from major supermarkets such as Waitrose in Cowbridge, Sam's Sainsbury's supermarket near McArthur Glen and the big branches of Tesco.

Pharmacy group Well, which has shops across the UK, said it is doing its best to monitor stock but that it is not limiting the products or profiteering from the shortage.

A Well spokesman said: "We, like other pharmacies and retailers, are seeing a surge in demand for sanitising products.

"We are currently not limiting stocks to our customers and are doing our best to maintain stock levels best we can. This is a temporary result in stock being temporarily unavailable whilst it is replenished from our distribution centre. We certainly have no intention of profiteering over the current situation by increasing prices.

"We will continue to monitor the supply and demand of these products carefully as we endeavour to



maintain availability of them"

Some local chemists are understood to be selling anti-bacterial wipe to customers, in some cases shoppers are buying two wipes for 25p – a tenth of the price of an average £5 bottle.

Superdrug, Holland and Barrett and Boots have also all sold out of the product along with Sheppards chemists, NHS chemists and Lloyds pharmacy branches.

Some hand sanitisers are still available online limited stock left on the Superdrug website, Amazon and on the Holland and Barrett website.

Some major brands of hand sanitiser have started to brand themselves as "killing Coronavirus Corvid 19" since the outbreak.

Hand sanitiser is not alone as there has also been a surge in the sale of face masks across the UK as well as hand wash.



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Fundraising help for mum's cancer treatment

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A FAMILY has said it is overwhelmed by the support from the community to raise money for a mother's cancer treatment.

Bethan Durkin was diagnosed with secondary bone cancer towards the end of last year which had stemmed from a primary cancer in her lungs.

The 33-year-old, who is from Treheringyll, lives with husband 34-year-old Mark and their daughters five-year-old Rhiannon and one-year-old Olivia in Tongwynlais.

Ms Durkin's sister Sian Wiseman, 31, said: "It's been overwhelming. We never realised how much support we would get. We put £300,000 down as our goal on the Go Fund Me page because we're trying to raise as much as possible. To think we raised nearly £20k in such a short amount of time is amazing. It has come from people we know, but a lot of it has also come from people we don't know. The community really has rallied around us."

It started for Bethan with a pain in her hip which began shortly after her youngest daughter was discharged from hospital – Olivia had needed a heart operation as she had been diagnosed with Truncus Arteriosus as a result of DiGeorge Syndrome after she was born meaning her heart was missing a valve.

The baby, who was given a 40% survival rate at birth, had the operation when she was only nine days old and had two cardiac arrests on the operating table before spending three months in intensive care on a ventilator.

Ms Wiseman said: "When we found out about Olivia we were all devastated and upset. When we found out about Bethan, it was a new feeling – I've never been in a place like that in my life."

"As a family we were broken. My parents were and are different people. It is truly awful, but it's one of those things – you never know what it feels like until you go through it."

While Ms Durkin is currently receiving treatment which is worth an estimated £4,000 a month on the



Mark and Bethan with Rhiannon and Olivia.

NHS, it's not known how long it will be effective.

Ms Wiseman said: "It won't work forever. For some people it works for three months and for others it will last for ten years. Plan B, which is for when it stops working, costs about £4,000 but it isn't covered by the NHS and neither is Plan C. We're trying to raise as much as possible to give Bethan those chances in life."

As well as fundraising online via Go Fund Me, Bethan's cousin Anthony Green has organised a darts marathon, one of a few fund raising events by family, at The Three Golden Cups in Southerndown to help raise funds from midday until midnight on Saturday, March 21.

Mr Green said: "Alan Williams, who's the pub landlord, said he was happy for us to use the pub for the marathon. So far there's teams from St Brides, the Farmers Arms and I've got a rag-tag team."

To donate to the Go Fund Me Page, which so far has raised just over £18K, visit <https://www.gofundme.com/f/heybeth>.



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Ugandan coffee farmer celebrates Fairtrade Fortnight



Cllr Michaela Richardson, Jenipher Wettaka, Barry Town Mayor Margaret Wilkinson, Rev Carole Challis of Hope Church, Cadoxton, and Fairtrade Barry chair, Cllr Ian Johnson.

FAIRTRADE Barry welcomed Ugandan coffee farmer, Jenipher Wettaka, to the town as part of this year's Fairtrade Fortnight celebrations.

Jenipher, who is part of a Fairtrade co-operative coffee producer on the slopes of Mount Elgon in Uganda, visited Ysgol Sant Baruc, Café No.5 on High Street and Hope Church in Cadoxton, speaking to different audiences about how coffee beans are grown and the role of Fairtrade.

Other events organised by the Fairtrade Barry Committee included handing out Fairtrade

bananas at the recent Barry Town chocolate, to promote a fairer versus Caernarfon Town match, world in which farmers are paid a living wage for their work.

highlight different Fairtrade products for sale, including coffee, many people involved, including chocolate, wine, bananas and tea.

A Fairtrade church service at Hope Cllr Ian Johnson, Chair of Church in Cadoxton, the former Fairtrade Barry, said: "Barry Cadoxton Methodist Church; a Fairtrade town, and Wales a Fairtrade Country. Having Jenipher Wettaka, a Ugandan coffee farmer, visit Barry and speak to community groups was a great education about the importance of Fairtrade to farmers in developing countries.

"Fairtrade Fortnight is a chance to show how we can use everyday products, such as coffee and

included

events, and promoting Fairtrade."

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GORCHYMYN CYNGOR BRO MORGANNWG (MILL ROAD (RHAN) DINAS POWYS) (CAU FFORDD) (DROS DRO) 2020

1. Ar 5 Mawrth 2020, gwnaeth Cyngor Bro Morgannwg, wrth arfer ei bwerau dan Adran 14 Deddf Rheoli Traffig Ffyrdd 1984 Orchymyn a fydd yn gwneud yr hyn a ddisgrifir yn yr atodleni isod:
2. Enw'r Gorchymyn fydd "Gorchymyn Cyngor Bro Morgannwg (Mill Road, (Rhan) Dinas Powys (Cau Ffordd)) (Dros Dro)" 2020 a bydd yn dod i rym ar 9 Mawrth 2020.

ATODLEN 1

Ni fydd unrhyw berson yn perni nac yn caniatáu i gerbyd modur fynd yn ei flaen yn y lleoliad a nodir yn Atodlen 2 isod.

ATODLEN 2

- Lleoliad: Y ffordd sydd i'w chau yw Mill Road Dinas Powys o'r gyffordd ag Elm Grove Road hyd at y gyffordd â Stacey Road. Er mwyn galluogi gwaith i adnewyddu pibellau nwyr. O 8.00am ddydd Llun 9 Mawrth 2020 tan 8.00pm ddydd Gwener 3 Ebrill 2020.
- Rheswm: Bydd gwyriadau lleol ag arwyddion ar waith. Cedwir mynediad i breswylwyr a gwasanaethau brys a bydd mynediad i gerddwyr bob amser.
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THE VALE OF GLAMORGAN COUNCIL (MILL ROAD (PART) DINAS POWYS) (ROAD CLOSURE) (TEMPORARY) ORDER 2020

1. On 5th March 2020 the Vale of Glamorgan Council in exercise of its powers under Section 14 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 made an Order the general effect of which is as described in the schedules below:
2. The Order will be known as "The Vale of Glamorgan Council (Mill Road (Part) Dinas Powys) (Road Closure) (Temporary) Order" 2020 and will come into force on 9th March 2020.

SCHEDULE 1

No person shall cause or permit a motor vehicle to proceed in the location specified in Schedule 2 below.

SCHEDULE 2

- Location:** The road to be closed is Mill Road Dinas Powys from the junction with Elm Grove Road to the junction with Stacey Road.
- Reason:** To allow for gas main works to be undertaken.
- Duration:** From 8.00am on Monday 9th March 2020 until 8.00pm on Friday 3rd April 2020.
- Alt. Route:** Local signed diversions will be in place.
- NB:** Access will be maintained for residents and emergency services and pedestrian access will remain in place at all times.

Dated this 5th day of March 2020
Director of Environment & Housing
Vale of Glamorgan Council,
The Alps, Wenvoe. CF5 6AA.



Benefits for the over 50s

THE Vale of Glamorgan Council and the County's 50+ Strategy Forum have launched a joint initiative aimed at raising awareness of the financial entitlements available to older persons.

Those over 50 may be eligible for a range of discounts and financial privileges, though many are unaware of this fact, so entitlements often go unclaimed. Together, the council and Forum are looking to publicise the financial advantages available to this group, examples of which include:

- Pension credits and boosts.
- Council Tax reduction.
- Financial support for carers.
- Energy saving grants.
- Free bus travel.
- Discounts when eating out, visiting the cinema or certain historic sites.

Cllr Ben Gray said: "There are a number of financial entitlements available to older persons, depending on their circumstances, to help with the cost of living, but sadly many residents simply do not realise they qualify for these advantages.

"We offer a Council Tax reduction in certain instances; it may also be possible to boost your pension or receive an extra allowance if a carer. Many other services are also available for free or at a discounted rate to those over 50.

"It's important we make people aware of exactly what they're entitled to, so no-one misses out. That's why I'm delighted to launch this initiative in partnership with the 50+ forum."

Lynda Wallis of the Vale 50+ Strategy Forum said: "There are millions of pounds of unclaimed money that older people are entitled to, yet many do not realise that they are able to claim it. A weekly income on top of old age pension can make all the difference to the life of an older person."

Company moves to be more sustainable

LOCAL removals company TVC Removals has made significant changes in their business to become more eco-friendly.

They have been working with various organisations to help improve their carbon footprint as well as choosing more sustainable and eco-friendly products, when helping their customer move house. TVC Removals are a family run business and recently announced they are now carbon neutral, after offsetting the remainder of their emissions for the year through the Carbon Footprint platform; trees will be planted in Kenya equivalent to the annual emissions their business generates. They plan to continue this each year.

The firm are also using more sustainable packing supplies, by switching their standard packing tape to an eco-friendly alternative made out of craft paper. They are continuing to recycle and reuse their boxes to minimise waste.

Joel Palmer, co-owner of TVC Removals said: "We have always tried to be environmentally friendly, but we wanted to do more. Everyone is being encouraged to be more sustainable, and this shouldn't stop at businesses, no matter what they do. While a removals company may not typically be an eco-friendly business, we hope our recent efforts will change that, and not only make a small contribution a much wider issue, but also provide customers with an option for a more sustainable company to help them move home or offices."

TVC Removals are also involved with other local community activities to help improve our environment including helping rangers planting trees in Porthkerry Park in Barry.

Meet your Assembly Member

Assembly Member Jane Hutt talks St David's Day and severe weather in her monthly column for the Gem



THE sun came out to the women she is leading in the Mt Elgon region of Uganda and crowds gathered in Central Park for a St David's Day Festival thanks to the Holton Road Traders.

They had planned for two days of stalls, entertainment and refreshments in the Park by the Library and King Square but Storm Jorge put paid to that with the heavy overnight storms causing widespread flooding and disruption, road closures and further bad weather warnings but the event went ahead on March 1 and was a great success.

In Central Park on St David's Day we joined St Helen's Primary School to sing the Welsh National Anthem.

There was also stalls, entertainment and refreshments. The children were looking forward to more St David's Day events at school on Monday. We wore our daffodils and thought of the 'little things' or 'pethau bach' we could do as St David encouraged us.

That message was echoed throughout the day in concerts and services including the Fairtrade service at Hope Methodist Church in Cadoxton where we heard from Jenipher Wattaker, a Ugandan coffee grower but also a mother and grandmother who spoke of the importance of Fair Trade.

Miners Institute worked flat out to support

the extent of damage in one area that has experienced previous events.

What was very clear from my visits was the strength of community support from friends, relatives and neighbours, often unknown to each other, who came out to volunteer with the 'clear up' over the weekend so that businesses could continue to serve their customers on Monday.

This was reflected in my visit to Llanhileth Miners Institute on Friday in my ministerial capacity where over 200 homes were flooded and the local Miners Institute worked

to defences and culverts to be 100% funded by the Welsh Government.

providing three meals a day with volunteers and donations pouring in to help. Many had already received £500 from the Welsh Government as part of the £10m Emergency Relief Scheme made available working in partnership with local authorities to administer the scheme and provide advice and support.

The sun came out

on March 1 following

Storm Jorge which

caused more flooding

following Storms Dennis

and Ciara the previous

week, which devastated

parts of Wales. Rising

water flooded roads as

I was out visiting and

contacting communities

in the Vale where there

was risk of flooding.

My visit to businesses

on Monday revealed

the extent of damage in

one area that has exper-

enced previous events.

The Minister for

Environment made a

Statement last week on

the impact of the storms

reporting that at the peak

of Storm Dennis there

were 61 flood alerts, 89

flood warnings and two

severe river warnings in

force. At its peak 900

tonnes of water per sec-

ond were flowing down

the River Taff.

The First Minister

Mark Drakeford

chaired an emergency

Summit on February

19 announcing support

for businesses and high

streets. Business Wales

is ready to support those

businesses that have

been affected and they

can be contacted on

their helpline 0300 060

3000 or <https://businesswales.gov.wales/news-and-blogs/news/has-your-business-been-affected-flooding>.

Over £350million has been invested in flood defences since 2016 and effective against these facing current and future generations. Wider

I am pleased that has included funding for the Vale of Glamorgan to build the new culvert at Boerton with money also allocated for Llanmaes.

Flood prevention works carried out in Barry and previously

April to help tackle one the coming decades.

From beach raker to film maker

RUSSELL Morgan from Barry has cleaned Whitmore Bay for nearly 20 years.

Combing the sand every morning in his tractor, he has unearthed something hidden – not gold or silver, but a hidden talent for on-screen performance!

Russell said: "I'd always had an interest in acting; it was only by chance that my cousin Rob Jenkins asked me to play a small role as a bailiff in one of his films. It was from that small role that Rob decided to cast me in another of his films, touching on depression. Rob said he was so impressed by my bailiff role that he wanted to do something simple but something more dramatic and meaningful. We didn't set out to make a film about depression, but that's what we ended up with."

"It's a short film called *Another Day* that sees a man make his way through life trying to be as normal as he can, while battling internal, debilitating mental stresses. We tried to give the film an up-lifting story which shows there is hope when you're feeling hopeless."

"Approaching mental awareness organisations was our objective with the film so if anyone out there thinks our little film will offer support, then please share it around."

Another Day can be viewed on Facebook @ anotherdaymentalhealth.



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St David's Day celebrations at Penarth primary school

YOUNGSTERS at Albert Primary School celebrated St David's Day on February 28.

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In the afternoon we gathered in our school houses and sang our hearts out for our music competition judged by Jeff Guppy, from the Jeff Guppy School of Musical Theatre. As is the tradition during an Eisteddfod, we performed the chairing of the Bard ceremony, where the successful year 6 poet had sat in the school's Eisteddfod chair. The ceremony was presided over by the chief Druids.

We have included the winning poem for you all to read & enjoy.

My Wales.

Sun rises, an amber orange light falls across the field.
The golden daffodils awaken, with regal poise each one reaching
for the sky, ready for a new day full of wonder.

My Wales.

With emerald green stem and saffron yellow head,
looking around as they dance in the breeze.
They observe the world around them, the soft luscious green
gentle glow from trees, radiant beams from the sun.

My Wales.

Children come, running through a meadow of yellow,
rolling down a hill of long windswept grass.
They were beaming, running, breathing in the clean fresh air,
relaxing in the summer sun.

My Wales.

Night falls, sun sets, dappled moonlight hits the floor like a
spotlight, the daffodils have changed.
For during sunlight they are merely plain daffodils but at night
they are as elegant as swans.

My Wales.

So now they sway to the soft, calming music of the leaves and
the trees beneath the moonlight.
But as the mist settles, it covers the daffodils, hiding them from
the world as they go to sleep.

My Wales.



Group makes 800 chicks for hospice



FOR 24 years members of Soroptimist International Barry and District, with the assistance of family and friends, have supported the Velindre Hospital Chick Knit appeal.

Club president Norma Reynolds recently visited the hospital and handed over 800 chicks to David Harding, operational manager. As well as the chicks, President Norma was very pleased to hand over £100, which was raised by club member and local florist Hilary West who, together with staff, friends and customers,

knitted chicks, filled them with chocolate eggs and sold them.

President Norma said she was extremely grateful to everyone who supported this appeal.

Every year the Velindre Appeal needs 50,000 knitted chicks to fulfil demand and is always looking for new knitters. If anyone would like to be involved, contact Kate Hammond at Kate.Hammond@wales.nhs.uk 02920 196116

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More chaos as Wales battered by Storm Jorge

The main photo is the Dipping Bridge in Bridgend, and bottom right is the A48 towards the Broadlands roundabout – both by Adam Watkin, a CAA approved and commercially insured drone pilot. Inset is Pontyclun Train Station carpark by David Shewring

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THERE was more damage and delays over the weekend as Wales faced its third storm in four weeks.

Storm Jorge, pronounced ‘hor-hay’, hit the UK on Friday bringing heavy rain and strong winds which wreaked havoc in the Vale of Glamorgan, Bridgend, and Ogmore Vale.

By 1pm on Friday, February 28, the roads from Pontyclun to Cowbridge were almost impassable with drivers crawling 10 to 20 miles per hour due to flooding on Cowbridge Road.

Residents in Aberthin were in the streets trying to clear the drains of silt as water flowed from the fields and caused the village, around The Hare and Hounds Pub, to flood just off the A4222 and around the bend leading to Cowbridge High School.

The road under the M4 bridge to the motorway, heading through Ruthin and past St Mary’s Golf Club, was closed by police as water was so deep on Friday that despite drivers attempting the area with caution, their vehicles were still breaking down.

There were a few accidents on the M4 over the weekend as road

conditions were poor with surface water and spray.

Trains were cancelled and delayed as the lines were flooded, such as at Llanharan and Pontyclun.

Meanwhile in areas like Barry and Ogmore Vale, businesses and homes were once again flooded, or damaged by the wind and the rain.

The St Athan Community Centre was protected with sandbags, with its surrounding area flooded.

Bryncethin was also hit by flood waters as the roundabout next to the Mason’s Arms was only passable with care, and near The Royal Oak was allegedly impassable on Friday afternoon. Cowbridge High Street also suffered some flooding over the weekend, with water running down the road and from the drains – sandbags were dotted around the market town over the weekend to protect buildings.

The roads between Pontyclun and Llanharan, and around Talbot Green – including by Matalan Roundabout and the roundabout near the old L’Oriel Factory – were also flooded and hard to get through on Friday.

Over the weekend motorists reported problems with the roads in the Hensol area which also lead from the Vale of Glamorgan to the M4 in Llantrisant.

A major incident was declared by

South Wales Police over the weekend along with the Met Office’s yellow weather warning, the least serious, for wind and rain lasting from Friday until Saturday evening.

Chris Elmore, the MP for Ogmore Vale helped with the clear up from Storm Jorge over the weekend.

A spokesman from Mr Elmore’s office said: “Chris and his constituency team spent a lot of Friday coordinating the delivery of sandbags and additional support to local homes and businesses, in conjunction with Huw Irranca-Davies and the local authority.

“Thankfully it doesn’t appear that long-term damage has been too bad in most places, but Chris will be closely monitoring the situation in the days/weeks ahead.”

Storm Jorge battered Wales only two weeks after Storm Dennis – which came with an amber and a yellow weather warning – which caused destruction around the UK. Only a week earlier the UK had also suffered Storm Ciara – which carried a yellow weather warning.



Via Pendoylan to the M4: by Peterson super Ely Village on Facebook

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Company's 'troubling' financial state raises questions over government's judgement

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A LUXURY car maker's "troubling" money situation has prompted a prominent AM to call for a thorough investments inquiry.

Questions have been raised over the Welsh Government's investment strategy as Aston Martin Lagonda revealed widening losses and slipping sales.

The high-end car maker was enticed to St Athan in the Vale by the Labour-led government with nearly £20m worth of taxpayer grants in a bid to boost the area's economy.

However, a financial report released this week shows the struggling company's pre-tax losses grew by 53% last year to £104.2million.

Aston Martin – known for making James Bond's cars of choice – also cautioned that the coronavirus outbreak could hit demand and supply in China, its fastest-growing market, which accounts for 9% of total wholesales.

The business also slipped to an operating loss of £36.7m compared to an operating profit of £72.8m in 2018.

Revenue and sales both fell by 9% with Aston Martin selling 5,862 vehicles, which brought in £997.3m.

But the company's debt rose by 53% to £876.2m last year.

Shares were down by 12% in London only hours after the financial report was released last Thursday.

The stock has fallen more than 70% since Aston Martin went public on October 2018 and received public funding from the Welsh Government.

It has been announced that Mark Wilson, the company's chief financial officer, will be stepping down from his role by the end of next month.

South Wales Central AM, Andrew RT Davies,

wrote to the National Assembly's public accounts committee chairman Nick Ramsay asking his committee to investigate the Welsh Government's investment.

He explained: "This is a very troubling set of finances and behind the excitement of what seems a good brand and project, it once again poses serious questions for the Labour Welsh Government's judgement and investment strategy."

"Millions and millions of pounds of Welsh taxpayers' cash has been thrown at Aston Martin, yet it appears to have been in significant financial difficulty for quite some time, which is very concerning."

He said: "There is always an element of risk when investing in business, but where taxpayers' money is concerned the public has a right to question whether value for money is achieved and it's now paramount the Welsh Government does all it can to ensure both taxpayers' cash and jobs are protected."

Mr Davies added: "Labour's Welsh Government has a chequered past with such investments and their actions during this process must be fully investigated and taxpayers will expect robust evidence that due diligence was followed."

"As such, I have therefore written to the chairman of the Assembly's Public Accounts Committee, Nick Ramsay, to ask whether his committee would be inclined to initiate an inquiry into the investment and partnership between Welsh Government and Aston Martin."

A spokesperson for the Welsh Government said: "Aston Martin's move to St Athan was a vote of confidence in the skills on the Welsh workforce and in Wales itself."

"The company is planning to double the size of its St Athan workforce to more than 600 by April and we look forward to seeing the first of the new DBX models rolling off the production line later this year."

The Gem approached Aston Martin for a comment, but none was forthcoming at the time of going to press.



News of the company's financial state comes just days after Prince Charles visited the St Athan factory, pictured above.

INSET: Assembly member Andrew RT Davies.

Don't miss your Gem



Readers of the Glamorgan Gem will be able to pick up copies of the newspaper from Tesco in Cowbridge after the town's Co-op store closes later this month.

Doors to the Co-Op are set to close for good on March 7 after serving customers in the town for five years.

Shoppers who used to grab their copies of the Gem in the Co-op can visit Tesco, on the opposite side of the road, to get their weekly editions.

Anyone with queries can call the Glamorgan GEM offices on 01446 774484.

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Further road disruption in Dinas Powys

THERE have been calls for contractors working to replace gas mains in Dinas Powys ensure that an adequate workforce is available.

This follows news that Wales and the West Utilities intend to replace cast iron pipes along Mill Road and Penyturnpike.

Plaid Cymru community councillors have written to the company to seek assurances that the disruption is kept to a minimum.

Chris Franks, a Plaid Community councillor, said: "We all know that this work is essential. However, the impact of excavations along one of the main routes into Cardiff from Barry could be horrendous."

"Mill Road will be closed in the Cardiff direction and traffic diverted. However, for Penyturnpike, there really is no alternative. The contractor must have a large enough work force to complete the work in the minimum of time – traffic signals will be in operation."

Plaid Community councillor Richard Grigg added: "In addition, Highwalls Avenue and Cefn Mount will be excavated. We have received assurances that access will be kept to properties, although there is bound to be inconvenience for residents. This is a large undertaking and residents will not want to see the roads dug up and then left with no actual work being undertaken."

"We have also asked the county council to fully engage with the contractors and insist that inconvenience is minimised."

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Pesticide disposal scheme re-launched

A FREE and confidential pesticide disposal scheme has been relaunched for farmers, growers and land managers to help protect the quality of drinking water.

Welsh Water has re-started the confidential PestSmart project, which is across all of Wales, for agricultural workers which aims to safeguard drinking water quality before it reaches treatment works.

The project will allow agricultural workers to dispose of any unwanted pesticides and herbicide safely and confidentially for free.

PestSmart also encourages people across Wales to consider "smarter" ways of weed, pest and disease control that do not impact on people, water or wildlife.

Welsh Water relaunches free and confidential pesticide disposal scheme to protect drinking water quality

Free pesticide disposal scheme for farmers, growers and land managers across Wales

Confidential scheme by Welsh Water safeguards drinking water quality before water reaches treatment works

Registration open until 31st March 2020 with participation on first come, first served basis

Welsh Water has opened a registration window for farmers, growers and land managers in Wales to

dispose of any unwanted pesticides and herbicides as part of their free and confidential PestSmart project.

PestSmart encourages people across Wales to consider "smarter" ways of weed, pest and disease control that do not impact on people, water or wildlife.

Ian Christie, the managing director of water services at Welsh Water, said: "Our routine raw water monitoring programme has detected increasing traces of pesticides in areas we have never seen them before.

"While these levels are too low to pose a risk to those drinking the water, they are enough to risk breaching rigorous drinking water standards so we want to work with farmers, growers and land managers to take action to address this issue together."

"Even the most organised of land managers can find themselves with an out of date or now unlicensed product which can be difficult or expensive to dispose of correctly."

"To help them, we are launching a free 'no questions asked' disposal scheme to safely take away any unwanted pesticides and herbicides."

"We know that pesticides form an essential and everyday role in the agricultural community. However, if stored, used or disposed of incorrectly, they can have a devastating impact on people, water and wildlife."

"By providing this free and confidential scheme across Wales, we want to work with land managers to reduce the risk of pollution and safeguard raw water quality before it reaches our water treatment works."

Minister for Environment, Energy and Rural Affairs, Lesley Griffiths, said: "This is a great initiative by Dŵr Cymru and I encourage all farmers, growers and land managers to register for the free pesticide disposal scheme. Minimising the impact of pesticides on the environment is an essential part of responding to the ecological crisis, protecting Wales' watercourses for future generations."

PestSmart has received funding through the Welsh Government Rural Communities – Rural Development Programme 2014–2020, which is funded by the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development and the Welsh Government.

The scheme is available throughout Wales, not just Welsh Water's operating area.

Registration for the confidential scheme is open until Tuesday, March 31 with participation on a first come, first served basis.

To register, visit www.dwrcymru.com/disposalscheme or call 01443 452716 by no later than 5pm on Tuesday, March 31.

For more information about the process, visit the Welsh Water website.

Campaign group ‘shocked’ by shortage of doctors at threatened A&E unit

By Anthony Lewis
Local Democracy Reporter
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CAMPAIGNERS against the potential closure of the Royal Glamorgan Hospital's A&E have called on the health minister to help the health board recruit the staff needed to make it safe.

The group 'Save Royal Glamorgan A&E' have appealed to the health minister Vaughan Gething to intervene to help Cwm Taf Morgannwg Health Board find the A&E consultants that could keep the 24-hour accident and emergency department open.

The health board says that they do not have enough A&E consultants at the moment to deliver a safe service at the Llantrisant hospital, which is why they're considering these changes.

Dr Nick Lyons, the medical director at Cwm Taf Morgannwg, told a packed health board meeting in Tylorstown last week that they are short of 17 consultants and 20 middle grade doctors.

A huge campaign against the possible closure of the service was launched when the proposals were made clear, with hundreds gathering at The Senedd alongside local representatives last month to call for it to be saved.

The options being considered are to reduce the hours of the A&E department or close it and turn it into a minor injuries unit.

Len Arthur has written to Vaughan Gething on behalf of the group saying it's "increasingly clear" to them that the board needs support from him and that they are "shocked" by the level of recruitment that is needed.

The letter says: "It is increasingly clear to us that the board needs support from you, as the Minister, in order to be able to achieve the aim of keeping a permanent 24-hour consultant-led emergency department at the Royal Glamorgan Hospital."

"This is the aim that was overwhelmingly supported by a vote in the Senedd on February 12, 2020, and remains an aim of the Cwm Taf Morgannwg University Health Board."

"We are shocked at the extent of the recruitment that is required urgently at the Royal Glamorgan Hospital in order to continue to offer the current 24 hours consultant led service."

"At a minimum, 17 emergency consultants together with 20 middle grade doctors are required."

The letter also says that it was clear at the meeting that certainty as to the long term future of the emergency department would immensely help in the needed recruitment process.

"It is our view, and one that is shared by the Cwm Taf Morgannwg University Health Board, that the existence and application of that part of the South Wales Programme to downgrade the Royal Glamorgan emergency department has led to the current dangerous situation and continues to blight the needed recruitment."

"We believe that, as the minister, it is now time for you to help Cwm Taf Morgannwg to recruit the necessary professional staff to safely sustain the current 24 hour consultant led service at the Royal Glamorgan Hospital."

"We believe that, following the Senedd vote and the clear recruitment need of the Cwm Taf Morgannwg, if you announce support for the continuation of this current service it will help provide certainty for the future of the emergency department, and give the Cwm Taf Morgannwg the needed support to finally put this part of the South Wales Programme behind them and offer a certain employment future for professional staff recruitment."

"It would also undoubtedly help that, as the minister, you supported the Cwm Taf Morgannwg recruitment process directly as the Welsh Government."

It adds that the group is still available to meet with the minister at any time to further explain why they think this step is urgently needed.

Dr Lyons said at the health board meeting on February 27 that they are "leaving absolutely no stone unturned" in ensuring the safety and sustainability of all their A&Es but the Royal Glamorgan especially.

He said: "We are revisiting the South Wales Programme recommendations to see whether they remain valid or not."

"It is not a done deal that the South Wales Programme will go ahead."

"The reality is with the current dependency on locum doctors, the risk to safety is unacceptable high."

Dr Lyons said there have been deaths at the hospital which have been attributed by the coroner to the high dependency on agency staff.

He said they want to have a "safe service provided as locally as possible."

He told the meeting that they had recruited two consultants in January but another two are due to retire later this year.

A Welsh Government spokeswoman said: "We expect the health board to work with its partners to consider options and agree a sustainable model of care for the future."

Workers suffering from suspected coronavirus to get statutory sick pay from day one

STATUTORY sick pay will be available to workers staying at home with possible coronavirus infections from the first day of illness, Boris Johnson has announced.

Under emergency legislation to halt the spread of Covid-19, the Prime Minister said payments will be moved forward from the fourth day of sickness under current rules.

The Government had been under pressure to introduce measures to compensate employees who are following health advice in not turning up for work.

Speaking at PMQs on Wednesday, Mr Johnson said individuals who self-isolate are "helping to protect all of us by slowing the spread of the virus".

"If they stay at home and if we ask people to self-isolate they may lose out financially," he told the Commons.

"So I can today announce that the Health Secretary will bring forward, as part of our emergency coronavirus legislation, measures to allow the payment of statutory sick pay from the very first day you are sick instead of four days under the current rules and I think that's the right way forward."

"Nobody should be penalised for doing the right thing."

Labour leader Jeremy Corbyn welcomed the announcement but pressed the Prime Minister on whether it would apply to workers not entitled to statutory sick pay so they would not have to make the "terrible choice between health and hardship".

Mr Johnson said he was "very much aware" of issues faced by the self-employed and those on zero-hours contracts, adding that "some of them will be entitled to statutory sick pay, a great many".

He said ministers were "urgently looking" at the application process for social security payments, when asked by Mr Corbyn if there would be protection for claimants who faced sanctions for missing appointments.

Employers had only been obliged to give statutory sick pay of £94.25 per week if workers had been ill for four days in a row, including days off.

The Resolution Foundation think tank said the move "goes some way towards reassuring workers" who must self-isolate but urged the Government to go further.

But research director Laura Gardiner said the support would not help an estimated five million self-employed workers and around two million employees who did not earn the £118-a-week to qualify for payments.

"The Government should now extend coverage of statutory sick pay further to ensure that no worker loses all of their income from doing the right thing if they're affected by the coronavirus, and start a broader review to ensure we have an adequate sick pay system," she added.

"It shouldn't take a pandemic to prompt this." Businesses welcomed the "clarity" about employers' responsibilities.

Confederation of British Industry deputy director-general Josh Hardie said: "Employers have a big role to play in ensuring that self-isolation is put into practice fairly. Making statutory sick pay available from day one is an important first step."

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The memorial where a minute's silence and prayers will be held later this month.

A SPECIAL service to mark the 70th anniversary of the Llandow air disaster, which claimed 80 lives, is set to take place later this month.

St Michael and All Angels Church in Llanmihangel will be holding a service from 9.30am until 10.30am on March 15.

After the church service, a minute's silence and prayers will take place at the memorial stone in Sigingstone before refreshments at the village hall.

Anyone is welcome to attend.

The Llandow air disaster, which happened on March 12, 1950, was the world's biggest air disaster at the time with 80 fatalities.

An Avro 689 Tudor V aircraft,

which had been privately chartered for a trip to Belfast to watch Wales Vs Ireland in the Five Nations Championship, left Dublin and headed for Llandow aerodrome.

The plane plummeted towards the ground as it came to land at Llandow, with the right wingtip hitting the ground first, followed in turn by the plane's nose and left wing, which separated from the fuselage when it made contact.

The plane turned clockwise and finally came to a rest near a field beside Park Farm close to Sigingstone.

Two passengers who were sitting in additional seats bolted in at the back of the tail section walked away unscathed with a third man, knocked unconscious in the toilet at the time of the crash, also surviving.

LONG-SERVING Assembly Member David Melding has announced he will not fight to keep his seat in the upcoming Welsh Parliamentary elections.

Mr Melding, who has represented South Wales Central for 21 years, revealed he was stepping down to write on political and constitutional matters.

He explained: "At the next Senedd election I would have served for 22 years and I have decided that now is the time to announce that I will not stand for re-election.

"But there will be a sequel – I intend to become a creative and mischievous citizen-politician."

He said: "It has been a wonderful and remarkable privilege to serve since the inaugural assembly.

"This service would have been impossible without the commitment of exceptional staff.

"Above all I want to thank the electorate of South Wales Central and assure them of my continued efforts until I leave the Senedd."

Mr Melding added: "Quite properly being an elected politician is no ordinary job.

"It involved a considerable time commitment and as a public figure there is no 'time off' as such.

"I will now have more time once I step down to write on political and constitutional matters, and to develop the think tank Gorwel.

"And of course I look forward to supporting the Welsh Conservative Party



Outgoing AM David Melding.

under the ambitious leadership of Paul Davies in the 2021 elections."

Paul Davies, leader of the Welsh Conservative Assembly group, said: "It is difficult to overstate the incredible contribution David has made to the political landscape of recent years in Wales, and to the success of devolution – and of the Welsh Conservatives in the Assembly, including writing manifestos for the 2003, 2007 and 2011 elections.

"In his 21 years – from the very first term – as an Assembly Member, he has brought an academic's insight, tact, reasoned argument, and wit to life and work in the Senedd, and beyond.

"David's proposals on the Wales' housing crisis and to end rough sleeping in Wales will be at the forefront of the Welsh Conservative manifesto for 2021; this is

testament to his unwavering belief in standing up for all in our society.

"He is irreplaceable, and – I say this without fear of contradiction – one of the champions of Welsh democracy and devolution.

"I am sure that Members across all parties will join me in thanking him for his work.

"He will be missed, and although I am sad not to have David on my team following the 2021 election, I am delighted that David will be further developing the Gorwel think-tank.

"He will continue to inspire students and those involved in politics to think more widely about the impact of policies, and his influence and legacy will be felt in the years to come."



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Transport for Wales pledges support to Armed Forces



TRANSPORT for Wales has pledged to support the Armed Forces Community by signing a commitment to honour the Armed Forces Covenant.

The agreement acknowledges and understands that those who serve and who have served in the armed forces, and their families, should be treated with fairness and respect in the communities, economy and society when they serve with their lives.

As part of the pledge, TfW will ensure that no member of the Armed Forces will face any disadvantage during recruitment and in some circumstances special treatment may be appropriate, especially for the injured or bereaved. TfW are keen to promote that they are a fully inclusive organisation and their commitment to the Armed Forces Covenant is simply another way of demonstrating this.

James Price, Transport for Wales CEO said: "We are an open

and transparent organisation, delivering a £5 billion investment programme to transform transport in Wales. We welcome applicants from the armed forces who will bring a wealth of vocational skills and experience."

Marie Daly, engagement director added: "We look forward to working with the Career Transition Partnership (CPT) and others to support the employment of veterans and service spouses/partners with Transport for Wales Rail Services, and promoting the employment of defence personnel across the wider railway industry."

Karl Gilmore, rail programme director said: "As an ex-serving veteran I am proud to support TfW's pledge. There is an opportunity to draw upon a pool of highly trained, talented and motivated individuals from the Armed Forces community, to help TfW transform transport across Wales."



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Students learn how to cut suicide risk as well as hair

BARBERING students at Cardiff and Vale College have been given mental health training in order to help prevent suicide within their client base.

Lions Barber Collective founder Tom Chapman visited the College's Urbasba salon to show the learners how they can spot and advise male clients who are struggling with their mental health. The BarberTalk initiative aims to enable barbers to recognise the signs, ask about wellbeing, listen and help to act as a bridge between the communities they serve and the resources that are available in a safe and non-judgemental space.

Tom Chapman said: "It's been incredible teaming up with Public Health Wales and Cardiff and Vale College to deliver our BarberTalk training, enabling barbering students to recognise the signs of mental ill health, ask the correct questions, listen with empathy and without judgement and finally help give them the knowledge of the resources so they can help their clients find the help they need."

"All the students were engaged and had a great understanding already, showing empathy and tact. Now they have completed BarberTalk, they will be prepared for a moment of crisis and be able to provide a safe

environment for those in their chairs, enabling the Lions Barber Collective to reach even more people."

Cardiff and Vale College Deputy Principal Sharon James said: "The work done by Tom and his colleagues is hugely important – many men who are suffering from mental ill health often feel like they have no-one to turn to, but having a barber who can spot the signs and offer advice and support could make all the difference."

"Our barbering students will be going out into the community and this training will help them to make a valuable contribution to its wellbeing."

The event was hosted by Cardiff and Vale College, working in partnership with sponsors Public Health Wales and the Cardiff and Vale University Health Board.

Dr Annie Procter, Clinical Board Director for Mental Health Services at Cardiff and Vale UHB said: "I'm acutely aware of the impact that losing a loved one to suicide has on people, both as a doctor, a mother, a friend and a partner. We know that many people who are desperate enough to take their own lives never come anywhere near mental health services to seek help and support, so this partnership is absolutely brilliant."

What's on in your area?

Vale Backgammon Club

WE meet every Thursday at Cowbridge Library 1pm–3pm and learners are very welcome.

Play for 10p stakes and winnings go to local charity, budget for £1 a session. Easy to learn so drop in and give it a try!

Romilly Bowling Club meet

A pre-season meeting will take place on Saturday, March 21 at 10am at Romilly Bowling Club, Romilly Park Road, Barry. Members and new players are welcome to attend the meeting again on Saturday, March 14 from 10am to noon.

Ystradgwen cinema
Volunteers will be YSTRADGWEN happy to take a look inside your non-functional household goods, a true-life political repairing your fabrics, drama about the build ornaments and toys and up to the Iraq War. The also providing recommendations for items we at the Village Hall at can't fix.

7.30pm on Wednesday, March 11. Tickets are available from Tudor Garage, Ystradgwen.

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AM's disappointment as airport expansion scheme fails to take off

A COSTLY scheme to build another runway at Heathrow Airport failed to take off this week with a prominent AM branding the hold up as "very disappointing."

Judges in the Court of Appeal threw the airport's third runway venture up in the air amid environmental concerns.

The court declared that the expansion scheme was unlawful as it did not take climate commitments into account.

South Wales AM Andrew RT Davies said after the court's decision was revealed: "This is a very disappointing decision from the Court of Appeal and the ruling could have wide-spread impact on a range of UK policy, potentially including the Welsh Government's continued ownership and support for Cardiff Airport in Rhoose."

Mr Davies, who is also shadow environment minister, added: "Aviation won't stop or reduce due

to this decision, indeed, this business will simply go elsewhere, which will be to the detriment of UK PLC."

"We need an upfront and frank conversation about the potential economic impact of climate change targets, which in the long-term have to be both realistic and attainable, and not to the detriment of hardworking people."

Judges at the Court of Appeal said that a third runway could get the go-ahead in the future as long as it complies with the UK's climate policy.

Transport Secretary Grant Schapps said that the government would not appeal against the recent ruling.

However Heathrow Airport said it would challenge the court's decision at the Supreme Court.

The expansion scheme, which would've seen some 700 extra planes arrive at the airport per day, was expected to cost around £14bn.



Campaigners cheer outside the Royal Courts of Justice in London after they won a Court of Appeal challenge against controversial plans for a third runway at Heathrow.

(Both photos credited to Stefan Rousseau/PA Wire)



Shadow Chancellor John McDonnell joined campaigners outside the Royal Courts of Justice in London where the Court of Appeal ruling took place on the Heathrow expansion row

What's on, and where?

Penarth Aviation Society

ON March 6, the Penarth Aviation Society will meet in the Penarth Conservative Club at 8pm.

The speaker will be member David Ephraim, on the subject of Aeronautical Oddities. David will be looking at some of the weird and wonderful flying machines that have graced our skies (or not as the case may be!).

Why not join the Society? We meet on the first Friday of the month at the Penarth Conservative Club. Visitors and potential members are welcome to attend a meeting, for a small donation. Further information at www.penarthaviationsociety.co.uk, and from secretary, Martin Parry on 02921 254776.

Extinction Rebellion

A GENERAL meeting takes place at Barry Island Community Centre on Monday, March 9 from 7pm-9pm; all welcome.

For more information, please email xrvog@protonmail.com, or visit XR Vale of Glamorgan Facebook page.

Age Connects

AGE Connects Cardiff and Vale helps thousands of local people: come along to our attractive and cheerful drop-in café at 38 Holton Road, Barry, where volunteers are on hand to answer questions, or direct you to the relevant organisation.

A monthly coffee and chat stroke club is held on the first Thursday from 10am to 12pm, and an epilepsy support group on the fourth Thursday from 10.30am to 12pm.

Regular weekly activities such as Keep Fit, Knit and Natter, quizzes, computer training, health checks and Bingo make the café a place to socialise, make new friends and enjoy light meals at competitive

prices. The café opens 9.30am to 12pm Monday to Friday and 9.30am to 1pm. The café is dementia friendly, and all volunteers are trained.

A weekly nail cutting service is provided on Monday afternoons and at Highlight Park Medical Centre Thursdays, cost £14.

Call 02922 331113 to make an appointment, or 01446 732385 for any further information on any of the services the Age Connects Cardiff and Vale Senior Health Shop provides.

Music recitals

THE 250th anniversary of Ludwig van Beethoven's birth takes place this year and as part of the celebrations, All Saints' Church, Victoria Square, Penarth is hosting a series of five hour-long lunchtime recitals.

Maia Brodsky and Robin Green will perform the complete cycle of Beethoven's violin sonatas at these recitals, the first of which will be held at All Saints' Church, Victoria Square on Tuesday, March 10 starting at 1pm. Entry is free, but donations are welcomed.

PACT in the Vale

COME along to Gibbonsdown 'Cuppa with a Copper' held every Monday morning at the Aberaeron HUB, Aberaeron Close, Barry, between 10am and 12 noon.

Buttrills surgery will be held at the Barry Library, King Square on Tuesday, March 17 between 10am and 12 noon.

Meet your local officer at Llantwit Major Library on Tuesday, March 17 between 10.30am and 11.30am.

Cuppa with a Copper will take place at The Sycamore Inn Colwinston at 11am on Tuesday, March 17.

If you have any issues that are affecting your quality of life but you are unable to attend a meeting, call 101 for non-emergencies or visit www.southwales.police.uk to contact your local PCSO for non-emergency matters.

Golden Oldies music

GOLDEN Oldies works with older people, their aim to bring a bit of joy and laughter to people's lives.

We encourage singing and dancing with popular music from the 50s, 60s and 70s. We are most definitely not a choir – we are an inclusive and caring group that uses music as the catalyst to bring people together. A session will be held at Golau Caredig, Broad Street, Barry on Tuesday, March 10 from 10.30am-11.30am. All are welcome.

Two heads better?

A TALK by Jane Fearnley-Whittingstall takes place on Wednesday, March 11 in the St Quentin Suite of the Bear Hotel.

Jane is a double gold medal winner at the Chelsea Flower Show, a renowned garden designer and author. She will give a presentation after the Annual General Meeting of the Cowbridge Physic Garden, at 7.30pm covering the dangerous ground of whether men just do veggies, edges and hedges, while women are more flowers and bowers. All are welcome, tickets £5 on the door.

Chat & Chill

CHAT & Chill takes place on Thursday mornings in the Cowbridge branch of Costa Coffee, from 10.30am to 12pm.

Are you new to the area? Feeling lonely? Want to meet new people? Just turn up or contact Alun at 01446 774699 for more details.

Domestic violence advice

If you are worried about a domestic violence issue, whether for yourself, a loved one or family friend, help is available from Atal y Fro covering the Vale of Glamorgan.

Age Connects Cardiff and Vale are holding a drop-in session on Tuesday, March 10 from 10am to 12pm at Age Connects Cardiff and Vale Senior Health Shop, 38 Holton Road, Barry.

Call 01446 732385 for further information, or just come along.

Cowbridge U3A

THE next Cowbridge U3A monthly meeting will be a talk entitled 'A Foreign Student's World', by UWC Students at 2pm on Wednesday, March 11 in Cowbridge Town Hall. Visitors welcome; there is a small fee, which includes refreshments. See www.u3asites.org.uk/cowbridge.

Walk and Talk

ARE you living in the Bridgend Valley area? The Ogmore Valley Life centre aim to bring mental and physical health together while signposting people to mental health care and support.

The group is open to everyone from any area and will tie into other groups helping people like Inch by Inch Walking Group. The Walk and Talk group meet every Wednesday from 6pm.

Highlight Cuppa

THE March dates for the Cuppa sessions in Highlight Park Community Centre are Monday, March 9 and 23, commencing at 2.30pm.

Don't stay home alone, come and meet new friends! Everyone is welcome to join us and will be made very welcome. If you have any queries call Ada on 01446 722412.

Legal advice

AGE Connects Cardiff and Vale will hold a free legal advice session at Age Connects Cardiff and Vale Senior Health Shop, 38 Holton Road, Barry on Tuesday, March 10 from 10am to 12pm.

If you would like help and advice on making a Will, Power of Attorney or Living Will, come and have a chat to someone from a local legal team. No appointment is needed; call 01446/732385 for further information.

Mayor's coffee morning

A MAYOR'S coffee morning takes place at the Civic Offices, Barry, on Wednesday, March 11 from 10.30pm onwards.

Entry free, including drinks and biscuits. Proceeds to Cadoxton Bowls Club.

Can we solve the tipping problem?

ENVIRONMENTALIST Brian Mayne begins his new monthly column looking at everyday environmental issues.

Brian is a fellow of the Royal Society of Arts, as well as the Chartered Institution of Wastes Management, Chartered Environmentalist and is recognised by the International Solid Waste Association as an International Waste Manager.

He begins his monthly series of articles with a look at some of the issues surrounding fly-tipping.

WELSH taxpayers spend nearly £2 million a year cleaning up rubbish dumped illegally in our cities, town, villages and countryside and this doesn't include the money spent by landowners who have to pay to remove fly-tipping found on private land. But it's not only the financial implications that we need to consider, what about the adverse impacts on our health, the damage to our environment and the risk to animal welfare?

There were 35,076 instances of fly-tipping reported to local councils in Wales, 357 in the Vale. The Vale Council are responsible for investigating incidents. Fly-tipping can be organised criminal gangs dumping lorry-loads of rubbish to householders dumping a sofa. So, what can we do about it? Firstly, inform the Council. They have a designated page where you can do this online. If we have something to dispose of, items can be offered free or sold on websites such as eBay, Freecycle, Preloved or Gumtree or donated to a charity shop. The Council will collect, but you'll have to pay and if the waste is from a DIY project, and take it to the Household Waste Recycling Centre or arrange for someone else to dispose of it elsewhere at a registered waste site. If we pay someone to take away our unwanted items, such as skip hire or house clearance, we must check that the person or company taking it is a registered waste carrier; check online at the Natural Resources Wales website. Fly-tipping Action Wales recommends that when someone takes away our rubbish, we should write down the operator's registration number, details of the business or vehicle and keep a receipt including description of the waste and company used. Always ask them before they start where the waste will go. It's also worth pointing out that if we ask them to remove additional waste that

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we've produced on our property, we must also check they are a registered waste carrier. If we can't show that we took all reasonable steps to ensure that waste produced on our property is passed to a licensed individual to dispose of it, we risk a fine of £300 or even prosecution.

It's our responsibility to make sure that our waste is disposed of safely, legally and responsibly to play our part in tackling this scourge on our environment.



Welsh cakes for Welsh Women's Aid

WELSH cook, food writer and presenter Becca Lyne-Pirkis calls on communities to back the Welsh Cakes for Welsh Women's Aid campaign this March.

March is Welsh Cakes for Welsh Women's Aid month. The campaign aims to raise funds for Welsh Women's Aid, increase awareness around issues of violence against women in our communities, and encourage conversations about how we can all make change that lasts – by hosting cake sales and enjoying cake!

"It's shocking to me that violence against women

remains so prevalent in our communities.

"By supporting the Welsh Cakes for Welsh Women's Aid campaign, we can actively make a difference. I'm calling on people across Wales to sign up to hold Welsh Cakes for Welsh Women's Aid events to mark International Women's Day or at any time during March.

"At the same time, you can join in the conversation about how we can work together to end violence against women in our communities."

Individuals or organisations that would like to hold Welsh Cakes events can sign up at www.welshwomensaid.org.uk/support-us/welshcakes.

Cosmology Corner

With Norman Lloyd

The search for interplanetary life

IN 1995, scientists detected a planet orbiting a star 50 light years away in the constellation of Pegasus.

This was the first planet discovered orbiting a main sequence star which is in the same stage of its evolution as our own Sun. Things have moved on apace since then, and just 12 months ago, on March 12, 2019, the number of identified exoplanets exceeded 4,000. Of these, however, only 49 were judged as being potentially habitable – planets which have stable orbits around their stars in the so-called Goldilocks Zone where liquid water can be sustained on their surface.

The majority of these 4,000 exoplanets were discovered by the Kepler Space Telescope, which reached the end of its life in mid-2018 after using up all of its fuel. That same year, to replace Kepler, NASA launched TESS the Transiting Exoplanet Survey Satellite on a two-year mission to continue exoplanet discovery. Transiting planets are those which pass in front of their star causing a drop in brightness as seen from the telescope.

Both Kepler and TESS have revolutionised our understanding of exoplanets, but how do they differ? Launched in 2009, Kepler observed just a relatively small, fixed portion of the sky, whereas TESS is surveying the whole sky split into 26 overlapping sectors. It spends a month observing each sector over the course of its two-year mission.

Their observing strategies also differ; Kepler's fixed view and long exposure times allowed it to focus on the more distant, dimmer stars. TESS, however, looks at the nearby, brightest targets. The great advantage of this is that planet candidates around these closer stars will be easier to observe using ground based telescopes.

So, what have we learned from TESS? With just a month or so to go, TESS has identified just under 2,000 candidate exoplanets of which 41 have been confirmed to date. About 100 light years away, in the

little-known constellation Dorado, TESS has found a planetary system named TOI 700 which includes the first Earth-size habitable zone planet discovered so far. Its star is a cool dwarf, about 40% of the size of our Sun and about half its surface temperature, and scientists have observed multiple transits of three planets. The outermost of these is just 20% larger than Earth and the only one of the three in the star's habitable zone. It orbits the star every 47 days and receives from it about 85% of the energy which the Sun provides to Earth. The exact conditions on the planet are unknown, but researchers are employing computer modelling to judge whether its surface temperatures and pressures may be suitable for habitability.

More exciting for planet hunters, a very difficult but promising Direct Imaging method has been developed. As the name suggests, Direct Imaging allows for the capture of actual exoplanet images. Infrared photography is used as, at this wavelength, a star will appear 1,000 times less bright than at visual wavelengths. Only 100 exoplanets have so far been identified by Direct Imaging but although rare, wherever direct detections can be made, scientists can glean valuable information on planets. The spectra reflected from a planet's atmosphere allows astronomers to obtain accurate information about its composition. This leads to characterisation of the planet and a possible determination of its habitability. In the case of a planet orbiting the star Fomalhaut, for example, Direct Imaging has led to a determination of the planet's mass and the confirmation of a massive ring system. Until now, this technology works best for planets with wide orbits (where the obscuring effect of their star is lessened) and for planets which are particularly massive. So not too useful as yet in searching for potentially habitable planets.

But who knows what the future holds for us?

Norman Lloyd

Welsh Government should 'get behind business'

IN A PASSIONATE DEBATE TABLED BY THE WELSH CONSERVATIVES ON FEBRUARY 26, THE SHADOW MINISTER FOR TRANSPORT CALLED ON THE LABOUR ADMINISTRATION TO RECOGNISE THE IMPORTANCE OF ROADS AS VITAL ECONOMIC ARTERIES WHICH PROMOTE PROSPERITY.

Russell George AM/AC drove home the case for a re-think of roads infrastructure policy and delivery in Wales, which has been subject to delays, overspends, and missed opportunities for a decade. The most recent embarrassment for the Welsh Labour administration was the Auditor General's scathing recent report on Section 2 of the A465, which is over budget by £100 million and overdue by – when complete – three years. The report included a caveat: the full cost and the real completion date are "uncertain".

Mr George said: "A failure to properly plan the long-term delivery of new road infrastructure and road improvement schemes, a failure to appropriately manage the procurement and delivery of road schemes and a failure to support Wales' road network with appropriate levels of financing have

resulted in a road transport system that is completely unable to cope with current levels of demand. All of this is having a major detrimental impact on Wales' productivity, competitiveness and economic future, all aspirations of the Welsh Government's Prosperity for All Economic Action Plan."

Continuing, Mr George said: "One of the worst and worrying examples of the Welsh Government's poor management of the road network in Wales is of course the level of ongoing congestion on the M4 motorway. Wales' only strategic road has been blighted by huge traffic congestion for many years, and the Welsh Government has yet to provide an adequate solution to that problem.

"While the Welsh Government has been dithering and shelving any meaningful schemes, the volume of traffic on the M4 is increasing." Mr George said that Welsh Conservatives were "hugely disappointed" that the First Minister took the unilateral decision not to proceed with the M4 relief road in spite of the support offered by the UK Government, especially since an independent inquiry – which cost the taxpayer £144m – concluded that the M4 relief road should

be built.

He added: "The Planning Inspectorate's Report found that the Welsh Government's assertion that it would be inconsistent with its declaration of a climate emergency is incorrect. The report found that, and I quote, '...the scheme would save about 4,324 tonnes of user carbon emitted to the Welsh road network each year, with increasing savings into the future'."

The Shadow Transport Minister called on the Welsh Government to work with the UK Government to deliver an M4 relief road as soon as possible. "We're of course disappointed with the result of the debate, and the failure of Members from other parties to acknowledge that roads are an intrinsic part of the transport infrastructure mix here. They seem not to acknowledge the continuing reliance on them because of the paucity of public transport in Wales under this Welsh Labour administration. The Welsh government must get behind business, and back an integrated transport policy, because this government is not doing enough to facilitate faster, cleaner, efficient transport for commuters, businesses, learners, and tourists."

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On a different note, last week was 'Falls Awareness Week'. In 2019, the Welsh Ambulance Service received 57,404 calls due to a fall – that's 157 per day in Wales.

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BRENDAN Sweeney, of David Prosser & Co Solicitors, writes:

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their duties and financial responsibilities when they make a Will, to professional advice early, and put ensure that they comply with the in place Powers of Attorney technicalities that are required to – whereby you appoint trusted people to make decisions about have a valid Will.

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NEWS FROM LOCAL CLUBS AND SOCIETIES

Highlight Park WI

THE talk at Highlight Park WI this month was delivered by NatWest Community banker Sian Chudleigh, entitled Friends Against Scams, a National Trading Standards initiative which aims to prevent people becoming victims of scams.

People tend not to talk about it if they have been scammed, with 16-25 year olds being the largest number. Fraud is the largest crime in the country costing £5 – 10 billion loss last year. Postal/telephone/doorstep/online scams were discussed.

Telephone scams are the biggest problems at the moment, so we were given five tips as follows.

Don't disclose personal info; Don't assume everyone is genuine; Listen to your instincts; Don't be rushed into things, and Stay in control. Leaflets were handed out to remind us of the risks. This was a very useful, informative afternoon which gave us food for thought.

On a bright day in February, the Highlight Park ladies alighted a super bus to take them to the city of Cardiff to have a guided tour around City Hall; but before that, we were treated to a fantastic afternoon tea.

With waiters hovering to serve our tea and coffee (with tea strainers as well), we helped ourselves to the mouthwatering array of tiny cakes, scones, lemon cakes, fruit tarts in chocolate-lined cases, as well as tiny finger sandwiches of various fillings. All with a whiter than white tablecloth with a single candle in the middle.

The statues in the Marble Hall and the Assembly Room were stunning. The statues were made from Serravezza marble, depicting the heroes of Wales; and were a gift to the city from Lord Rhondda of Llanwern. They cost £15,000.

Of particular beauty were mouldings of mermaids, seashells over the entrances to the Council Chamber and the Assembly Room. Well worth a visit.

Later in the month, we held an activity afternoon when we all had a game of curling. It was very enjoyable and is thoroughly recommended.

Coming up we have various talks planned and trips to go on and fundraising for local charities.

The group meets on the first Tuesday of each month at the moment, and at 2pm for social afternoons on the third Tuesday of each month. Sewing Circle meets every Thursday at 2 pm.

Llantwit Major Horticultural Society

ON February 27 at the Society's monthly meeting, members heard an interesting and entertaining talk by herbalist Peter Rosser, who practices in the health shop in Llantwit.

He explained that many of the weeds we all dread, such as dandelion, nettles, couch grass, ground elder and Japanese knotweed have many uses. He explained how herbs may assist us in treating various ailments.

He answered questions from the audience and stressed that pharmaceuticals still have a place in treating us, but herbs can help too, especially in chronic cases.

The group was informed that the day trip to Knightshays in Devon has been arranged for April 26.

The next meeting is March 25 at the Llantwit Hall at 7.30pm in Llantwit Major to hear Terry Walton, Jeremy Vine's Radio 2 gardener, speak on 'Gardening in the Media'; all are welcome.

For more information, visit www.llantwit-major-horticultural-society.com or email llantwitmajorsoc@gmail.com.

Choir's annual concert a success

'BRING more chairs' was the cry at the start of Maesteg Male Voice Choir's 45th annual concert.

Such was the number of people coming to hear the choir and their guest artist, tenor Rhys Meirion from north Wales.

Because of the town hall being closed for refurbishment, the concert was moved to the local comprehensive school.

Musical director Huw Morgan arranged a varied programme and a first for the choir was a performance by Unit 48, musicians from Neath College, who also joined the choir for the finale.

Laura Deenik, the choir's accompanist, showed what a tremendous asset she is to the choir.

The choir would like to thank the audience, who turned out in great numbers.



A Welsh-themed St David's Day Supper was held recently at Fontygary Leisure park to raise funds for the community library.

RAF Cadets support Wings Appeal

242 Royal Air Force Pencoed Cadets FS L McKeane, Cpl D Vine and Cdt E Davies were presented with karting vouchers for TeamSport Karting in Cardiff, for being the top collectors for the 2019 Royal Air Force Association wings appeal in the Portcawl and Bridgend Borough by Kevin Gould, of the RAFA.

The squadron was also presented with a certificate as they raised £647.18 towards the appeal by manning stalls at Wartime Bridgend and the county show in Pencoed.

The Wings appeal is the RAF Association's ongoing campaign that runs throughout the year. It helps raise funds to support former and serving RAF personnel and their families.

Cheers to St David at library fundraiser

GLASSES were raised in good cheer at Rhoose Community Library's St David's Supper, which took place on Saturday at the Bayview Suite, Fontygary Leisure Park, to raise funds to support the library.

A full house enjoyed wonderful entertainment from Cantorion Creigiau Singers, who generously and enthusiastically supported the event. A delicious Welsh-themed supper was served and there was much good humour and fun throughout the evening.

Christine Jakeway, library fundraiser and organiser said: "I would like to offer sincere thanks to Cantorion Creigiau, the team at Fontygary Leisure Park and to everyone who came along on the evening. We were delighted with the success of this wonderful celebration!"

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New members wanted

BARRY Yacht Club Sea Rowing are having an open afternoon for prospective rowing members on Saturday, March 21 from 2.15pm.

The sea rowing section of the club has continued to grow since its formation in 2013 with our members both male and female not only enjoying social rowing around our local coastline but also taking part in league racing at other clubs.

The Celtic Long Boats are 24ft long and constructed of fibreglass, designed to be rowed by four persons and a cox. We have just taken delivery of a new boat, which will enable us to take on some new members; so if you are interested in having some fun while enjoying some healthy exercise, why not come along and meet some of our members, hear about the club and view the boats.

The Yacht Club is by Jackson's Bay. If you are interested we will give you a couple of trial

rows before you need commit to joining us. To register your interest, contact Roger Donkin at rogerdon37@gmail.com.

Cyprus – the Green Line

THE meeting this week welcomed Jeanne Harvey, whose talk with many visual displays was about the history of Cyprus which is the third largest island in the Mediterranean sea.

The island has had a very chequered past with many people laying claim to its territory, including Alexander the Great, the Romans, Richard the Lionheart (selling the island to the Order of the Knights Templar).

In latter years – 1925 – Cyprus became a Crown Colony.

In 1960, Cyprus was granted independent status under the Treaty of Guarantee, in 1961 joining the British Commonwealth. Hostilities between the Greek and Turkish people still persisted, each laying claim to complete sovereignty and by 1974 a buffer zone was created separating the warring factions.

Forum meets weekly on a Thursday at 9.45am in Holy Trinity Church Hall on Aberystwyth Crescent, Barry. For further information call Mac Tanner on 01446 743455.

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Barry Camera Club

IN February, Barry Camera Club visited the Vale Camera Club at Ystradwen for the annual six-way print battle.

Each club entered four colour prints and four Monochrome prints. The competition judge gave a constructive assessment of the prints and expressed his pleasure at the extremely high quality of the photography, with Barry slipping from last year's joint third to fifth position. Those members who could not take the trip to Ystradwen were given a members' evening at the club.

Final scores were: Bridgend 152 points, Rhondda 146, The Vale 145, Pyle & Porthcawl 144, Barry 141 and Morriston 140.

On February 14, a guest speaker who specialised in traditional darkroom work, David Lingham, a Fellow of the Royal Photographic Society, visited. He treated the club to a beautiful set of monochrome prints, matched by an informative and entertaining commentary. His photographs very powerfully evoked mood, although doing so often involved him going out in inclement weather when others might be tempted to stay at home, warm and dry.

With no back screen to review images, as with a digital camera, David had to 'pre-visualise' what he wanted to achieve and then set about 'making' his photographs.

On February 21 Barbra and Jamie Archdale Smith delivered a talk on their visit to Cuba last year, which provided great subject matter. The vibrant colours of the 1950s vehicles and the local architecture, even when it was in an advanced state of decay, was ideal for photographs, particularly when it was also inhabited by local people. Barbara confessed that to begin with she was anxious about approaching these people, but she clearly gained in confidence and came away with some classic street photography and more besides.

She presented a lovely mix of images, including monochromes which often serve to simplify images or emphasise the patterned shadows which were there to be photographed. All in all, a visual feast.

The final meeting of the month was, as always, our competition and the guest judge on this occasion was old friend of the club Leigh Woolford. Leigh gave measured and constructive criticism during the evening and expressed his pleasure in the overall standard of the entries.

The awards were: Colour Prints: 1st, Roy Carr with 'Hawthorn In The Beacons'; 2nd, Roy Carr with 'Sycchryd Falls' and 3rd, Kathy Edwards with 'Uzbekistan Fashion'.

Mono Prints: 1st, Roy Carr with 'Melincourt Fall'; 2nd, Roy Carr with 'Sisters' and 3rd, Pat Hollis with 'Under The Pier'.

Projected Images: 1st, Tina Hayden with 'Merry Go Round'; 2nd, Tina Hayden with 'Belle' and 3rd, Philippa Evans with 'Ram and Dam'.

Congratulations to all, particularly Roy and Tina for multiple successes.

Throughout the rest of the year we have a full programme of talks, demonstrations, photographic expeditions, competitions and inter-club battles planned. New members are particularly encouraged and will be made most welcome with a programme being prepared especially for the new and less experienced photographers to allow them to quickly gain more proficiency and satisfaction from their hobby. During the summer we will hold open days and field trips to encourage people to learn a little more about the art of photography and produce better pictures.

Barry Camera Club meets every Friday evening from 7pm to 9.30pm at St Francis Millennium Centre, Porth-y-Castell, Barry Garden Suburb, Barry CF62 6NX. We are a very friendly organisation and people of all experience and skill levels are welcome to attend with no obligation to join. For more information visit www.barrycameroclub.co.uk or see our Facebook page.

Barry author's talk at War Museum

BARRY Island author and public speaker, Ron Powell, will be giving a 45-minute illustrated talk at the Barry At War Museum in Barry Island Station at 7pm on Thursday, March 19.

The title of the talk is 'From Shropshire to the Falklands'.

Growing up in Ludlow, Shropshire, Ron dreamed of becoming a pilot in the RAF. Just over a decade later he was flying a four-engined Hercules transport plane over the South Atlantic during the Falklands War.

In the preceding nine years he'd completed an RAF engineering apprenticeship, worked as an airframe and engine fitter on Vulcan nuclear bombers at the height of the Cold War, and completed

officer and pilot training.

Ron says, 'All the jobs I had during my 32 years in the RAF were interesting, but when I look at photographs of my time on the Hercules, and the Falklands era especially, I realise it was probably the most exciting period.'

Since retirement, he has published four books: a Battle of Britain novel, *Wings Over Summer*; a sequel, *Wings Over Malta*; and two volumes of his memoir, *Shropshire Blue*. The hero of both Wings novels is a Spitfire pilot from Barry.

Admission to Ron's talk is free and the Museum cafe will be open for the purchase of refreshments.

You can read more about Ron's career, writing and public speaking on his website: www.ronpowell.co.uk.

Calls for women's detention centre to be built

MP CHRIS Elmore is calling for a women's detention centre to be built in Wales.

The Ogmore MP told Lord Chancellor Robert Buckland in the Commons there is a specific problem relating to female reoffenders and the lack of a women's centre in Wales. He asked Mr Buckland for an update on the progress he is making with the Welsh Government on ensuring that a women's centre will be built in Wales in the coming months or years.

Mr Buckland said Mr Elmore was right to press him on this issue.

He said providing a women's detention centre in Wales is an ambition of his, given that Eastwood Park in Gloucestershire is currently the nearest secure accommodation for Welsh female offenders.

Mr Buckland said: "At the moment, I cannot promise specific plans. But I am prepared to work with him and the Welsh Government to make that a reality through our excellent women offenders' strategy."

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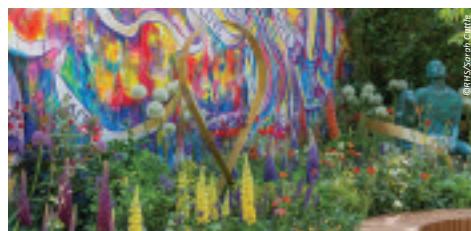
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The Gem visits the Mughal Emperor

THERE is something about the A48 that seems to encourage longevity in restaurants.

The Aubrey Arms and the Old Post have been there for more than 60 years and, on the Cowbridge bypass, The Mughal Emperor has been a fixture for more than 25.

There are advantages to this, in that you build up a loyal fan base from quite a wide area, and that is certainly true of The Mughal, who have regulars coming from Cardiff or Newport in the east, and from Swansea in the west, and from all points in

between.

The disadvantage is that over time you blend into the scenery, and people on the bypass just pass by. So The Gem thought it was high time that it investigated why all those regulars make the journey.

The first thing you notice is that The Mughal Emperor has dispensed with the traditional Indian restaurant design elements. There is no flock wallpaper and no pictures from the days of The Raj.

It's bright, clean and classical, taking advantage of the high ceiling to give a sense of space. It's classy as well as classical, and it's a

comforting feeling when you arrive.

You sit down and examine the impressive menu, which looks expensive, but you are soon reassured when you see that the average price for starters is £3.95 to £4.50.

There's plenty of choice (and the same goes for main courses). Lamb Passanda as a starter for £4.50 was tempting, as was the Chicken Gastab (diced chicken, marinated in garlic, with green peppers, tomatoes and herbs and spices).

However, I went for the Prawn Puri, prawns in a rich sauce served with deep-fried leavened

bread. It was a pleasant surprise to me because I have had mini puris in the past that were light and crunchy.

This was much more substantial – almost a meal in itself – with the very good sauce and prawns folded between the bread; not a million miles away from a burrito. It was a highly enjoyable start to the meal.

My guest, to be honest, didn't do me any favours by ordering garlic mushrooms (£3.95). There's not a lot a reviewer can say about garlic mushrooms but she was happy to confirm that the dish delivered exactly what she wanted in terms of texture, and the mix of garlic and butter sauce was just right.

It took a long time to settle on a main course but in the end, my guest settled on the traditional section of the menu (all the old favourites are here) and ordered a Lamb Bhuna. Excellent value once again at £7.95, and she was very pleased with the dish, which offered plenty of tender lamb and a good rich sauce.

I went to the Chef's Recommendation section, where again there



A group of happy customers at the Mughal Emperor.

was a considerable choice. I tend to be drawn to dishes that are new to me, so I went for the Manipuri Chicken Palong – chicken breast stuffed with spinach and cheese, with lamb keema and curry leaves, finished with the chef's special sauce, which was tomato based and mildly spiced.

This turned out to be excellent, full

of flavour and the sort of dish where you want to clean the plate. However, The Mughal Emperor has all the usual extras: poppadoms, naan breads and rices, and the cumulative effect was that it was just too filling.

That fine Prawn Puri starter was clearly a factor, as well. I did, however, nearly finish two more. The generous Mughal Emperor and enjoy what portions at the is that it is a res-

Mughal probably taurant that knows offer.

There are diners out there who are always looking for tempting choices of We ate there on a Wednesday the newest place, guest and I were evening, not the but restaurants that just too full.

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For more details

A look at Wales' first Taco Bell

TACO Bell opened its first restaurant in Wales this week offering Mexican cuisine on the Vale of Glamorgan's doorstep. Reporter Ariane Hill was invited to the official launch party to find out more.

The first Taco Bell in Wales opened its doors on March 2, bringing a taste of the American franchise's Mexican food to Cardiff.

I was invited to the official launch party last Thursday, February 27 where I was able to take a peek at the new restaurant on St Mary Street and try a sample of the food which will be on the menu.

The new restaurant, which seats 49 people, is open for both delivery and to dine-in.

The design of the restaurant is open and bright, what you'd hope for from a modern fast food restaurant – happily social with an array of seating.

A highlight of my experience, food aside, was probably the staff as once I had made them aware that I am a vegetarian, they took great care in bringing me vegetarian samples and explaining in detail what was in each dish.

The many samples, which staff took around the restaurant to everyone for them to pick and choose from, were generous half portions of selected

dishes from the menu.

I tried a hard taco, a soft taco, the Crunchwrap Supreme, the Volcano Burrito, the fajitas quesadilla, loaded fries, a Lemon Quench Freeze and churros with caramel sauce.

Guests arrived at Taco Bell on Thursday evening to loaded nachos ready to be shared and an abundance of hot sauce – all of varying spice levels.

On a personal level, either the hard taco or the Crunchwrap Supreme was my favourite as both boasted crispy textures, cheese, fresh salad, pleasantly spicy sauce and pico de gallo.

Fellow vegetarians, rejoice! as there is not only the vegetarian option of black beans, but they can be substituted for the meat in any of the dishes – or removed if you're not a bean lover.

Unexpectedly, the Lemon Quench Freeze was a very welcome addition to the evening as it was the perfect palate cleanser and mouth cooler before the churros – cooked fresh in store.

Unlike other fast food restaurants such as McDonalds, which is only across the road, there are alcoholic options such as Sol lager or a Freeze containing rum or tequila for adults.

The one piece of advice for any food-lover looking to try the new Taco Bell would be to make sure you grab a good handful of napkins at the beginning – as there is no clean way of eating items like hard tacos or loaded nachos.

Hundreds of people queued for five hours to enter the American chain restaurant on Monday when it officially opened to the public with the promise that the first 100 customers would receive free tee shirts.



The new Taco Bell; inset are the churros, above left are the loaded fries and right is the hard taco. To the left is a Lemon Quench Freeze drink.

What's on in your area?

Country market between 6pm and COWBRIDGE Country Market reopens on

Friday, March 6 at 9.30am in the Lesser Hall.

We look forward to welcoming all our friends and customers and there will be lots of new season marmalade plus our usual freshly baked goodies. Enjoy tea or coffee in our pretty tea room too.

Greenlinks Transport IF you have difficulty accessing public transport, Greenlinks Community Transport in Vale may be the answer this Saturday, March 7, 2.30pm to 4pm.

Sandville's table top sales take place on the first Saturday of the month. There will be a raffle, tea, coffee, cake and various stalls.

Councillors' surgeries CLLRS Andrew Davies and Gordon Kemp will be holding a surgery at the Community Hall, Stewart Road, Rhoose on Friday, March 6 from 10am to 12pm to Age Connects Cardiff and Vale Senior Health Shop, 38 Holton Road, Barry. No appointment is needed. Call 01446 732385 for further information.

Top folk band say farewell at Porthcawl festival

ONE of Wales' most popular folk groups will be saying farewell at the Cwlwm Celtaidd music festival, which takes place over three days in Porthcawl (March 6, 7, and 8) at the Hi-Tide Inn.

The festival always brings an eclectic line up to Porthcawl, featuring Celtic acts from around the UK and also from Europe.

However, this year the much-loved band, Jamie Smith's Mabon, will be playing in Porthcawl for the last time.

During their time together, Jamie has pretty much re-defined the accordion, stepping into the spotlight to play virtuosos solos just like a lead guitarist in a rock band.

The band have recorded five albums – 'Ridiculous Thinkers', 'OK Pewter', 'Live at the Grand Pavilion', 'Windblown' and the recently released [mceltaidd.org](http://www.cwlwmceltaidd.org)

'The Space Between'.

They have attracted rave reviews from media all over the world:

"Epic... Mabon became famous across Wales, and then the festival circuit, thanks to the power and versatility of Smith's remarkable accordion work" – The Guardian.

"A fearsome reputation as a live band... stratospheric" – Financial Times.

"They are easily one of the best of the UK's folk bands, making full use of great melodies, driving rhythms and an irrepressible stage presence" – worldmusic.co.uk

The festival has a busy programme over its three days.

For more information, go to <http://www.cwlwmceltaidd.org>

All are welcome in Llantwit for World Day of Prayer

A CHURCH in Llantwit Major is welcoming its community to it for the World Day of Prayer.

Bethel Baptist Church, on Durrell Street, is welcoming others to join its World Day of Prayer service at 7pm tomorrow – Friday, March 6 – which is looking to part of a world-wide event and followed by hot drinks and cakes.

A church spokeswoman said: "As we participate in this service, we are part of a great wave of

country over many years. They begins as the sun rises over Samoa and ends some 36 hours later, back in the Pacific as the sun sets over American Samoa. We will be joining with people in over 120 countries and islands around the world."

"As we hear their stories, the challenge for them and for us is that we will constantly seek love, peace and reconciliation."

Bethel Baptist Church will also be hosting Ladies Afternoon Delights, a clothes and accessories swap, from 2pm until 4pm on Saturday, March 7 which will also

Betty arrives at the Paget Rooms!

THE consistently surprising and entertaining Concept Players return to the Paget Rooms in Penarth this March with the comedy musical *Betty Blue Eyes*.

The show is based on the film *A Private Function*, written by Alan Bennett and starring Michael Palin and Maggie Smith. It's a musical romp set around the impending wedding celebrations of young Princess Elizabeth to the dashing Philip Mountbatten in 1947. But these are desperate times where rationing is even worse than it had been in the war – and desperate times call for desperate measures!

Concept Players are regular visitors to the Paget Rooms and have been entertaining and intriguing audiences for over a quarter of a century. Recent productions such as last year's *My Fair Lady* and *She Loves Me* show off their wonderful attention to detail and just how diverse and imaginative



Paul Buckle and Cat Baile as Gilbert and Joyce Chivers, who are about to get to grips with a real life Betty!

their productions can be.

Betty Blue Eyes opens at the Paget Rooms, Victoria Road, Penarth on Thursday, March 26 to 28; box office: MacLeod Lyon on (029) 2070 8037; 029 2070 8037 or online at www.concept-players.com. All performances are at 7:30pm and tickets cost £13. For further information contact: Ruairidh Lyon on (029) 2070 8037; 029 2070 8037 or online at publicity@concept-players.com.

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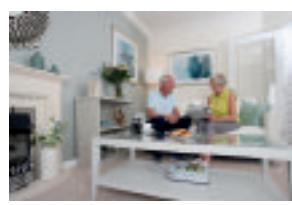
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LLYS YR ORSAF, STATION STREET, BARRY

Hafod Housing Association together with the Vale of Glamorgan Council announces the development of Llys Yr Orsaf, Barry. Bids are invited from Homes4U members. A sensitive let policy applies to this scheme. Regret no pets in the flats. 15 x 1 bed

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All applicants will be subject to a verification interview prior to any offer being made. All offers of tenancy will be subject to satisfactory references.

Applicants with no previous social housing tenancy or a previous failed social housing tenancy will be required to attend the Tenancy Ready workshop.



EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

Expressions of interest are invited for the following developments and you will need to be a member of Homes4u in order to be considered. A local lettings policy applies to all. Allocations are based on highest priority connection to the area, then banding and date. You will need to ring the Contact Centre on 01446 700111 in order to express your interest and you will be asked a series of questions regarding your local connection to the area and you will need to provide full details.

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All descriptions and other details are given in good faith and are believed to be correct but any potential tenant should satisfy themselves as to their correctness.



Councillor launches bid to become crime czar



Carolyn Webster, a Bridgend councillor, is hoping to become Police and Crime Commissioner.

WELSH Conservatives have selected their candidate for the South Wales Police and Crime Commissioner elections.

Carolyn Webster said that if elected, she would be a strong voice for the South Wales force and for the people it serves.

She said: "Having friends in the police, I know how tough the job can be. I also know how much the public rely on the police – and I back them fully in being able to do their job with all the resources they need."

Ms Webster, who is a Bridgend councillor, says safer streets would be a priority, along with delivering

neighbourhood policing programmes with a focus on the victim.

Anti-social behaviour would be another focus for Carolyn. She said: "Anti-social behaviour is a scourge. It blights lives and we absolutely need to crack down on it."

Carolyn would also back a new plan of action to deliver on rural crime.

A seasoned campaigner, Carolyn stood for the Cardiff West seat in last year's Parliamentary elections.

Until recently, Carolyn was Treasurer of the Bridgend branch of the National Autistic Society, and remains a board member of Bridgend YMCA.

The election is on May 7.

Improve your skills through GVS' support

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To book the sessions visit Eventbrite www.eventbrite.com/o/gvs-glamorgan-voluntary-services-15179400181 or contact GVS.

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Small space? A patio garden might be the answer



IT'S possible to create an attractive garden in the smallest of spaces that won't break the bank, by choosing the right plants and by making the most of every available surface, whether you've got a patio, balcony or just a window ledge.

Perhaps the easiest and cheapest way to give your patio a quick makeover is to use seasonal bedding plants to provide some instant colour.

Whether you go for pansies or old-fashioned begonias, robust geraniums with their distinctive scent or sweet busy Lizzies you can get an easy pop of colour with a good selection of plants and pots.

Small trees, shrubs and just about any other plant can be grown in pots on a patio. Where space is really tight, underplant larger specimens with low-growing plants to really make the most of every available centimetre.

For instance, trailing nasturtiums, herbs or fast-growing leafy salads look great when planted around the base of a containerised standard tree.

Don't forget that you can always go up as well ... so take advantage of your vertical space.

There are many clever growing kits available that allow you to grow flowers and edibles on walls and fences – which add greenery and texture to your outside space.

Embrace the natural style and elements. Cottage gardens have classic appeal and are easy to re-create by using old

materials and soft, romantic planting.

Rustic, unfinished wood, warm pebbles and lightly dressed brickwork all work together to provide a natural, unfussy aesthetic.

A weathered shabby chic bench surrounded by planted up pots will provide a comfortable place to sit and relax; and if your patio is partly shaded then think about plants that are happy in those conditions such as hydrangeas, violas and ferns.

The joy about container growing is that you can move plants around so that your garden is a constantly changing canvas and works with the seasons.

As spring gets underway, usually by mid-March, the more frequent sunny days provide the opportunity for an increasing range of gardening tasks.

It's time to get busy preparing seed beds, sowing seed, cutting back winter shrubs and generally tidying up around the garden.

Jobs for this month as recommended by the RHS should include: Protect new spring shoots from slugs; plant shallots, onions and early potatoes; plant summer flowering bulbs; lift and divide clumps of perennials; top dress containers with fresh compost; mow the lawn on dry days; cut back dogwood and willow grown for winter stems; hoe and mulch weeds to keep them under control early; start feeding fish and using the pond fountain; prune bushes and climbing roses.

Sarah Milne

Over £18m compensation paid to farmers

THE amount of Bovine TB compensation paid to Welsh farmers has risen by an alarming 15% in just 12 months and now stands at over £18.2m, according to new figures uncovered by the Welsh Conservatives.

According to a Written Assembly Question (WAQ) by Andrew RT Davies AM, £18.24m was paid in compensation to farmers in 2018/19 as a result of incidences of Bovine TB. In 2017/18, £15.9m was paid out to Welsh farmers.

Over the past five years, compensation to Welsh farmers totals just under £74m.

Commenting on the figures, Shadow Rural Affairs Minister, Andrew RT Davies AM, said they were further evidence of the Labour Welsh Government's failure to listen to the farming community and implement an effective strategy to eradicate Bovine TB.

He said: "These figures highlight the Welsh Labour Government's spectacular failure to tackle and eradicate Bovine TB, as well as the devastating impact that this disease continues to have on farming communities.

"Compensation pay-outs are spiralling, ties – financially and emotionally – and the costs of administering the wider scheme are also going upwards. The action now required."

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In Memory

COLBOURNE

Anthony

Peacefully on 27th February 2020 at University Hospital of Wales, Cardiff. Tony, aged 87 years. Beloved husband of the late Dilys, much loved dad of Linda, John and Angela, a loved grandfather and great-grandfather.

Tony will be sadly missed by all his family and friends.

Resting at A.G. Adams funeralcare until the service in the Chapel of Rest on Friday, 13th March at 10.30am, followed by interment at Barry Cemetery.

Family flowers only. Donations in lieu, if so desired, for Ty Hafan or Coast Watch c/o the funeral director.

FOGG

Diane

Suddenly at home on 21st February, aged 67 years.

Diane will be sadly missed by all her family and friends.

Resting at Robert D. Johnson Funeral Directors, 29 Holton Road, Barry. A service to celebrate Diane's life will be held at the Cardiff & Vale crematorium, Port Road, Barry on Tuesday, 10th March at 1pm.

Family flowers only by request, donations in memory of Diane can be made at the service to the Dogs Trust.

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THOMAS

Julie

Suddenly on 15th February, Julie of Rhosne Road, beloved wife of the late Ron, loving mum to Nichola, Claire, Mark, Anne, Becci and Dean, loving Nannie to Luke, Jack, Caitlin, Rian, Harry, Bethan and Eleni, great-grandmother to Lilly, sadly passed away at home.

Now resting at the funeral home of W. James and Sons, Fonmon. Funeral to be held Wednesday, 11th March service and cremation 12 noon at Cardiff and Glamorgan Crematorium, Barry. Family flowers only. Donation in lieu, if desired, to British Heart Foundation, Diabetes UK or Noahs Ark Childrens Hospital Charity.

WILSON

Brenda Jessie (née Golding)

Slipped away peacefully in her sleep on 27th February 2020 at Llandough Hospital, aged 92 years. Brenda was the loving wife of James for 65 years. Much loved sister to Raymond and sister-in-law Ginny. Loving aunty to all her nephews and nieces and sadly missed.

Her passing marks an end of an era.

Resting at A.G. Adams Funeralcare until the service at Cardiff & Glamorgan Crematorium, Barry on Tuesday, 17th March at 2pm.

Brenda loved her flowers and your tributes would be most welcome, please send to the funeral home. A memorial wake will be held at Bryn Hill Golf Club, following the funeral service and we look forward to your attendance.

PRITCHARD

Robert 'Rob'

Suddenly on 21st February 2020 at University Hospital of Wales surrounded by his family. Beloved and adored husband of Julie. Cherished dad to Tom and Olivia and father-in-law to Helen and Chris. Wonderful 'Dad' to Alex. Much loved son to Mollie and the late Hugh, and much loved brother to Dai, Evan and Anny.

Rob will be greatly missed by all his family and friends.

Resting at A.G. Adams Funeralcare until the service on Thursday, 12th March at 2pm at A.G. Adams Chapel, Barry, followed by committal at Cardiff & Glamorgan Crematorium, Barry.

Family flowers only please. Donations, if desired, in memory of Rob, may be made to Welsh Air Ambulance, Welsh Ambulance Service and UHW Critical Care Unit.

The family wish to give their heartfelt thanks to the Welsh Air Ambulance, Welsh Ambulance Service, all the staff at UHW Critical Care Unit and the Organ Donation Team at UHW for the tremendous support and care given to Rob and the family.

BROWN

Robert Charles

Robert ('Rob') passed away very peacefully on 19th February 2020 at Holme Tower, Penarth, aged 69 years. The much loved husband of Penny and loving father of Sarah and David, and daughter-in-law Rebecca.

Rob will be missed immensely by them, the families of his brother Paul and sister-in-law Jan, and by his many friends.

The funeral will be held at Cardiff and Vale Crematorium, Port Road, Barry, CF62 9PX on Monday, 9th March at 12 noon.

Family flowers only please; donations in lieu may be made to www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/robert-charles-brown

FYFE

Robert

Passed on 8th February 2020 at Holme Towers. Robert will be sadly missed by Janet, Andrew and Huw, and will be greatly missed by all of his family and friends.

The service will be held on Monday, 16th March at 1pm at St Illtud's Church, Llantwit Major, followed by burial at Bowerton Cemetery. Family flowers only. Donations in lieu of flowers in memory of Robert, can be made to Marie Curie Hospice, Cardiff & The Vale (Holme Towers).

LANCASTER

Roger

Suddenly on 17th February at Llandough Hospital after a short illness. Roger a loving husband to Glynis, a much loved father, a loving Pop and also a great friend to many.

Resting at Robert D Johnson Funeral Directors, 29 Holton Road, Barry. A service to celebrate Rogers life will be held at Cardiff & Vale Crematorium, Port Road, Barry on Tuesday, 10th March at 12 noon.

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MADDOX

Thomas Ogwyn (Gwyn)

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Peacefully at home on 25th February 2020 with his loving family by his side, aged 95 years 'young'. Devoted husband and soulmate of Glenda, greatly loved father of Keith & Russell and loving stepdad of Kevin, Keiron & Kathryn. Father-in-law to Christine, Sharon, Linda & Christopher and much loved brother of Morfydd (Moll), Precious grampie to Helen, Rhian & Ian, Rhys & Kirsty, Sam, Eiddan, Tia and Josh and great-grampie to Evan & Alyx and Finlay & Ivy.

Resting at W. James & Son, Fonmon until the Celebration of his life at Cardiff & Vale Crematorium, Barry on Friday, 13th March at 11am. Family flowers only please. Donations in lieu of flowers may be forwarded to the funeral director in aid of Ty Hafan or collection on the day.

Good Night, God Bless - Forever in our Hearts.

SPARKES

Diane Mary (née John)

We will be saying goodbye to Diane on Friday, each in our own way, at her funeral service at A.G. Adams, Gladstone Road, Barry on Friday, 6th March at 10am.

Diane sadly passed away peacefully on Saturday, 8th February after a serious illness, aged just 60 years, her life cut tragically short, but she will always be in our hearts.

Diane was, is and always will be, my beloved younger sister - and loving sister-in-law to Liz - as well as a doting auntie to her nephews Evan, Will and Luke. We will all hold a treasured memory of her with us always.

We hope that all her family and friends will be able to join us at Adams' on Friday to say a final farewell to Di, as we give thanksgiving for her life with us all.

Rest in peace, Di, with all our love from your loving John family: brother Mark, sister-in-law Liz, nephews Evan, Will & Luke. We love you ... xxx

SUTTON

June (née Jefferies)

Peacefully at Bella Vista Nursing Home on 27th February 2020, June aged 86 years. Beloved wife of Ken, much loved mum of Jeff.

June will be missed by all her family and friends.

Resting at A.G. Adams Funeralcare until the service in the Chapel of Rest on Thursday, 19th March at 11am, followed by committal at Cardiff & Glamorgan Crematorium, Port Road, Barry. Family flowers only. Donations in lieu, if desired, for The Alzheimer's Society will be collected on the day.

In Memory

O'CONNOR

Alesha-Marie

7th March 2015

Some might say they can't believe it's been 5 years.

Unfortunately, we know through our river of tears, although we know we will see you again, it still doesn't ease the sadness and pain.

Miss you loads Lesley-Lou.
Love Mum and Dad xxx

In Memory

O'CONNOR

Alesha-Marie

Alesha, another year without you. The memories of us together helps me carry on.

I miss and love you so much, I know Rhodri is by your side and taking care of you.
God Bless
Your Loving Nan xxx

HANCOCK

David

David passed away at the Princess of Wales Hospital, Bridgend with his family by his bedside on Monday, 24th February 2020.

He will be sadly missed by his loving wife, children and grandchildren.

Resting at the Private Funeral Home of W. James & Sons, Fonmon. Funeral Monday, 16th March, service and cremation 12 noon at Cardiff & Glamorgan Crematorium, Port Road, Barry. Family flowers only. Donations, if desired, to Prostate Cancer UK c/o the funeral Director.

Acknowledgements

LEVICS

Len

Sharon and family would like to thank everyone that attended Len's funeral and for the kindness and support given at this sad time.

Special thanks to Robert D Johnson, Lisa and all the team for the excellent service and compassion given to the family.

BARTLETT

Thelma

Thelma's family would like to thank everyone who attended her funeral and for all the donations made to Marie Curie in her memory, also to the Rev John James who officiated at the service.

Sincere thanks to the staff at UHW and to James Summers Funeralcare Penarth for their care, kindness and support.

STONE

Jeffrey

Margaret would like to thank family and friends who attended Jeff's funeral and the numerous cards and flowers she received at this sad time.

Special thanks to Jeff's cousin Paul (Claude) for his kind support and kindness on the day. Also, thank you to the District Nurses and the carers from Cherish Cymru who looked after Jeff for the past 4 years.

Thank you all, Margaret.

In Memory

O'CONNOR

Alesha-Marie

5 years have passed and not a day goes by without us thinking of you.

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Captain Chris Watson prepares to drive in at Southerndown Golf Club, watched by members of the society.

Captain Chris starts year in office for farmers' society

THE Captain's 'drive in' for Chris Watson, recently installed captain of the Glamorgan Farmers' Golf Society took place last Thursday at Southerndown Golf Club when 34 members assembled at the first tee to witness the traditional opening shot of the new golfing season.

Despite the pressure of being surrounded by interested spectators a very impressive opening drive of 157 yards set the tone for what members hope will be an enjoyable year for their new captain.

Playing for the Southerndown Cup and a range of prizes supplied by sponsors Clive Edwards (Construction) Ltd with 25 points finished in fifth place.

Nearest the pin on the Watts & Morgan sponsored par-3 holes were Mike King, Martyn David, Keith Roberts and veteran member John Davies who

King, following a period of absence from visiting the winner's enclosure and despite only accumulating 10 stableford points on the front nine, returned a winning score of 30 points to finish in first place and receive the Southerndown Cup from Clive Edwards.

Runner-up with 29 points was hand-

icap secretary Tim Jarvis followed by Rob Price who finished with 28 points.

Arwyn John who recently celebrated his 87th birthday finished in fourth

place with 27 points and Gwyn Thomas with 25 points finished in fifth place.

Keith Gibson hit the longest drive from the winner's enclosure down the 18th fairway to collect the Picketston Poultry sponsored prize and John Thomas returned home with the Llanerch Vineyard sponsored prize, when correctly guessing just 36 balls would remain out in the thick gorse associated with this course.

This raised £75 for the Llantwit Major Surf Life Saving Club.

Cowbridge resident Reg Davies was rewarded with a bottle of wine when correctly guessing the distance of the captain's opening drive.

The society's next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, March 28 at The Rolls of Monmouth Golf Club spon-

fied by JCP solicitors of Cowbridge. Retired veterinary surgeon Mike celebrated their Diamond wedding.

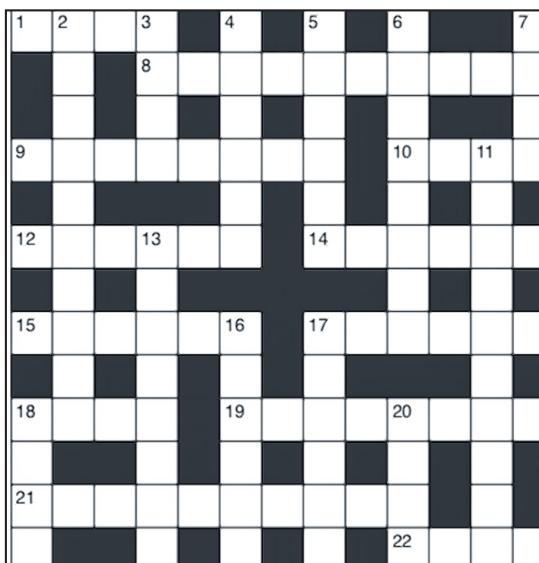
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- Tree used in building (4)
- I'd returned with transport for furniture (6)
- Cathy's upset by boats (6)
- They take orders for motors after six (6)
- One once to be seen in Darjeeling and Hindustan (6)
- Andy Edwards partly changed colour (4)
- Describing what remains from air duels (8)
- From which people watch splendid resistance (10)
- Two grenadiers hiding a monster (4)

Down

- What the prospective international footballer has! (10)
- Gets a good shake-up in the game (4)
- Fishing equipment - certainly not sinkers (6)
- Confer and talk in France before the end of the day (6)
- He keeps the local tax-collector (8)
- Sounds like the image of lazy people (4)
- He produces things for those who want to strike (10)
- Doesn't persist with a veto on university men (8)
- Pressure exerted on southern lock (6)
- Power worker - or dental anaesthetist? (6)
- Eastern deity making a comeback as Italian dignitary (4)
- Bird no longer seen to perform twice (4)

Fixture pile up looms for Barry RFC

YET again, Barry RFC lost a league fixture to the weather and a water-logged pitch, this time against Rumney.

This now means that the season has been extended from April 18 to May 25 as clubs strive to get their season completed.

With the next two weekends taken up by Six Nations matches – and the following week's fixture against Rhydfelin having to

be rescheduled due to Cup commitments, Barry will not be in action until March 28, when they are due to travel to Rumney.

After that there will still be seven fixtures to be played before the deadline date.

The club lottery rolls over to £1,550 this week after Saturday's numbers, 03, 07, 08 and 12 failed to find a winner.

One ticket matched three numbers to claim £10.

AJ

Barry and District Men's Skittles League

THE latest results from the Barry and District Men's Skittles league are as follows:

DIVISION 1:

Geeest 270 (J Paget 30), Blue Monkey 285 (A Penberthy, N Stokes 29); Bunker Boys 262 (D Hewitson 27), Billy Whizz 274 (A O'Brien 31); Posties 288 (D Gallimore, M Gallimore 28), Merrymen 292 (S Barnsley 28); Park Lads 272 (M Stafford 29), 49ers 264 (M Pope 30); Willie Wombles 307 (J Norris 32), Sea View 282 (M Robins 30); British Rail 273 (B Smith 27), Cavaliers 286 (M Ryan 30).

League: Merrymen 30, 49ers 24, Blue Monkey 22, Billy Whizz 22, Cavaliers 22, Willie Wombles 20, Bunker Boys 13, Park Lads 11, Posties 10, Sea View 10, British Rail 8, Geest 8

DIVISION 2:

Mighty Dockers 237 (K Enticott 25), Barry Park B 225 (A Chick 24); H Bells 281 (B Howcroft 31), Tynny Lads 309 (S Williams, A Hillard 33); Park Rangers 280 (P Murphy 29), Exiles

255 (F Coughlan, A Ladner, K Tudor, A Collins 24); KP Rejects 355 (T Dawe 35), Colcot Boys 349 (R Brown 37); Witchill Poachers 342 (G Davies 35), Hairy Lemons 332 (D Rourke 35).

League: Mighty Dockers 26, Tynny Lads 24, Cannon Balls 22, KP Rejects 22, HBells 20, Park Rangers 17, Barry Park B 15, Colcot Boys 14, Witchill Poachers 13, Hairy Lemons 13, Castle Boys 8, Exiles 4.

DIVISION 3:

Cocoa Nuts 266 (Math James 33), Witchill Nomads 233 (H Burrows 26); Alternatives 270 (J Howell 29), Billy Flyers 280 (M Giovanelli 29); Billy Bluebirds 256 (R Prangley 28), Royalists 264 (C Iannucci 31); Ex Servicemen 256 (P Swannick 30), Abercrete 247 (J Arnold, J Newton 25).

League: Alternatives 20, Cocoa Nuts 19, Ex Servicemen 18, BP Breakaways 18, Billy Flyers 18, Royalists 17, Billy Bluebirds 16; Witchill Nomads 7, C.U.D. 3, Abercrete 2.

View all results and league tables at www.barryleagues.co.uk.

JW

ACROSS:	1 Acled;	8 Illi-neutralised;	9 Baseball;	10 Lime;	12 Residual;	21 Grandstand;	22 Ogre.
DOWNS:	14 Yachts;	15 Vicars;	17 Gondola;	18 Dyed;	19	20 Doge.	
7 Idle;	11 Matchmakers;	13 Abandon;	16 Stress;	17 Gasman;			
Downs:	2 Capability;	3 Dile;	4 Floats;	5 Parley;	6 Publican;		
Divans;	14 Vacants;	15 Vicars;	17 Gondola;	18 Dyed;	19		

Local Isuzu dealers enjoy an award-winning evening in Newcastle

MOTOR dealers Tanners of Cardiff are celebrating after winning the highly-regarded award for 'Best Isuzu Newcomer for 2019' in a ceremony that took place in Newcastle upon Tyne, during a night of magic, comedy and music at the famous Boiler Shop.

The award was given in recognition of the company's outstanding performance and exceptional, Isuzu Brand Professional Owain White was accredited as 'Pick Up Professional' at the ceremony for his hard work after successfully completing the training programme. The Pick-Up Professional accreditation allows staff to become specialists in Pick-Ups and be well-versed in specifying bespoke trucks to meet

customers' needs, however unique they may be.

The awards were presented by Isuzu UK managing director, William Brown, Donna Jeffrey, Isuzu dealer training manager and Alan Able, Isuzu head of sales.

William Brown commented: "Congratulations to all the nominated and winning dealers on their amazing achievements. Plus, a huge well done to the Isuzu network on their commitment and efforts to make 2019 a real success for Isuzu. 2020 looks to be even more successful with amazing offers and an exciting new model; it will be a great year for the whole Isuzu family."

Visit www.isuzucardiff.co.uk for more information on the Isuzu D-Max range.



Alan Able, Isuzu head of sales with Owain White and Donna Jeffrey, Isuzu learning and development manager.



Philip and Ryan Tanner, centre, receive the New Dealer of the Year 2019 Award from William Brown, Isuzu UK managing director and Alan Able, Isuzu head of sales.

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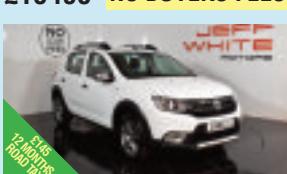
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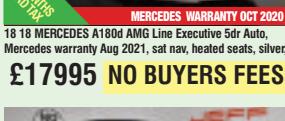
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Barry and District Ladies Skittles League

THE latest scores for the Barry and District Ladies Skittles League for February 24 are as follows:

Division 1: Cigar Ladies 252 (A McCarthy 25); Devils 231 (T Jones Challengers 215 (L Morgan 27); Bakers Knapman 26); Sea View Dozen 269 (J Mullins 27), Space Finders 230 (L Jones 34); Allsorts Vixens 225 (M Marks 264 (R Dane 29); Witchill Widows Friends & Family 284 (M McKinney 29); Wilmore 29).

Division 2: Persuaders 241 (C Thomas 27); Clickies 144 (A Batt, D Rowe 20); Fallen Angels 238 (R Phillips 29); Bobby's Girls 251 (P Solomon 28); Colcot Ladies 230 (J Holland, D Mansbridge, A Singleton 23); Family Affair 234 (A Dyer, L Williams 26); Rugby Triers 231 (S Cogbill 29); Red Admiral 238 (M Russell, C Carter 25); Blythe 24).

Division 3:

Hillbillies 304 (F Jellings, C Scotcher 30); Liberals 220 (J Mackenzie 31); Living-on-a-Spare 300 (S Aston, A Finn 34); Airways Angels 322 (A Sales, Wyndham Cons 11); Rhoose Social 9; Moors 25); Off the Rails 244 (P Morgan 27); Knapman 26); Sea View Dozen 269 (J Mullins 27); Space Finders 230 (F Butler, K Lance 23); (L Jones 34); Allsorts Vixens 225 (M Marks 264 (R Dane 29); Witchill Widows Friends & Family 284 (M McKinney 29); Wilmore 29).

Division 1: Rhoose Social 145, Romilly Railway 145, West End 136, Wyndham Cons 134; Liberals 131, Moors Boys 128; Cadotxon Cons 126.

Skittles Division 1:

Slammers 3, Rugby Club 4; Rhoose Social B 2,

Division 4:

Merry Makers 195 (B Walker 25); Nite Outers 202 (K Blackmore 27); Witchill Wanderers 234 (V Kerslake 30); Drifters 316 (K Courtman 33); Westend Rollers 171 (T Ceriani 25); Rebels 234 (M Russell, C Carter 25); AB

Barry and District Men's Skittles League

THE latest results from the Barry and District Men's Skittles League are as follows:

Division 1: Merrymen 275 (A Buckland 30); Park Lads 255 (I Tweddle 29); Billy Whizz 290 (J Snook 33); Posties 260 (M Rees 28); Blue Monkey 262 (C Holland 27); Bunker Boys 248 (D L Hewitson 28); Cavaliers 299 (G Stephenson 34); Geest 272 (L Galsworthy 30); Sea View 357 (G Evans 39); British Rail 309 (D Slugg 36); 49ers 296 (B Hopkins 33); Willie Wombles 293 (S Cannon 34).

League: Mighty Dockers 26; Cannon Balls 22; Tynny Lads 22; H Bells 20; KP Rejects 20; Park Rangers 15; Barry Park B 15; Colcot Boys 14; Hairy Lemons 13; Witchill Pochers 9; Castle Boys 8; Exiles 4.

Division 3:

Witchill Nomads 333 (T Richards 33); Alternatives 342 (A N Other 1, S Davies 34); Abercrete 265 (J Arnold 29); BP Breakaways 268 (P Gardner 27); Royalists 262 (D Britton 32); EX Servicemen 273 (D Williams 29); C.U.D. 241 (B Rees 26); Billy Bluebirds 269 (A Dyer, P Germon, R Ferguson, A James 25).

League: Alternatives 20; BP Breakaways 18; Cocoa Nuts 17; Ex Servicemen 16; Billy Flyers 16; Billy Bluebirds 16; Royalists 15; Witchill Nomads 7; C.U.D. 3; Abercrete 2.

Division 2: Tynny Lads 287 (S Germon 28); Park Rangers 277 (T Power 32); Cannon Balls 281 (J Bond 29); H Bells 280 (K Smith 28); Barry Park B 267 (R Freeman 27); Castle Boys 264 (S Sewell 28); Hairy Lemons 263 (D Gill 32).

Division 4:

Merry Makers 195 (B Walker 25); Nite Outers 202 (K Blackmore 27); Witchill Wanderers 234 (V Kerslake 30); Drifters 316 (K Courtman 33); Westend Rollers 171 (T Ceriani 25); Rebels 234 (M Russell, C Carter 25); AB

St Mary's Golf Club news

AFTER more than a week of 'rain stopped play', a single day's break in the weather encouraged 14 members of St Mary's Senior section onto the rain-soaked fairways for a Pairs Better Ball stableford competition.

Given the course conditions, it was decided to limit play to a shortened course of just 12 holes. Despite the sodden ground and the difficulty of finding plugged balls even on the fairways,

the sun made a very rare appearance and the players enjoyed the morning's play. None more so than the winning pair, Mike Tayler and Norman Lloyd who shot a remarkable nine better than par score of 33 points over the 12 holes.

Sharing 28 points, Gordon Martin and partner Phil Hattton tied for second place with the pairing of Steve Phillips and John Mabbett. The highlight of the day came at the 150 yard par three second hole where Tayler sank a 20 foot putt to make birdie.

Golf club welcomes new Ladies' Captain

THE 99th Brynhill Ladies' Golf Club AGM in February welcomed the new Ladies' captain, Lisa Taylor.

The outgoing captain, Jo Kirkpatrick wished Lisa good luck and best wishes for her captaincy and hoped that the weather would be great for the 2020 golfing year. After the formalities of the AGM, Lisa invited the ladies on behalf of herself, Jo Kirkpatrick and Glynis Gould to enjoy the buffet which they had provided.

Lisa hosted her first event as captain with a St David's Day Evening Social where 30 ladies attended and enjoyed a lovely meal of cawl, Welsh cheeses, cakes and coffee. Each was given a Welsh gift from the captain which was much appreciated by all. Lisa asked the ladies to enter the quiz that she had prepared – Pin the Tail on the Dragon – and guess the Welsh items hidden in a box.

Much fun was had by all with Jo Hopkins the winner of the quiz and Chris Hopkins the winner of 'Pin the Tail'. The captain thanked the caterer for a lovely meal and thanked the bar staff.

Kath Birch, assistant bar manager is leaving Brynhill: she will be greatly missed. Lisa presented her with a bouquet of flowers and card on behalf of the Ladies of Brynhill.

The next event for the Ladies' section is the Ladies' Captain's Drive-In on March 24.

If you are interested in becoming a member of Brynhill Golf Club, call the office on 01446 720277 ext.1 or the professional shop on Ext 2.

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Barry and District Clubs League

THE latest results from the Barry and District Clubs League are as follows:

Cadotxon Cons 4, Wyndham Cons 11;

Rhoose Social 9; Moors 25); Off the Rails 244 (P Morgan 27); Knapman 26); Sea View Dozen 269 (J Mullins 27); Witchill Widows Friends & Family 284 (M McKinney 29); Wilmore 29).

League: Rhoose Social 145, Romilly Railway 145, West End 136, Wyndham Cons 134; Liberals 131, Moors Boys 128; Cadotxon Cons 126.

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Liberals C 5; Rhoosters 2, Barries Boys 5; Sea View Exiles 7, King William XII 0; Cambrian Flyers 2, Rhoose Social A 5; West End C 1.5, West End D 5.5.

League: West End D 106.0, Rhoose Social C 95.0, Sea View Exiles 90.0, Rugby Club 87.5, Rhoose Social A 77.5, Barry Town FC 77.0, Allorts 73.5, King William XII 73.0, Barries Boys 72.0, West Barries Boys 72.0, West End C 69.5, Liberals C 67.5, Slammers 64.5, Rhoose Social B 28.

League: Harbour 74, West End C 71, Cadotxon Cons 65, Savoy B 58, Cadotxon Cons D 55; Market Street B 48; Harbour A 50, Rhoose Social C 45; Cadotxon Cons A 44; Penarth Cons B 28, End B 35.

* = points deducted

View all results and league tables at www.barryleagues.co.uk.

Snooker Division 1: Savoy C 61, Wyndham Cons A 4, Sully Sports A 3, West Liberators 1; Rhoose Social B 1, Penarth B 2, Cadotxon Cons A 3, Penarth Cons B 0.

League: Market Street C 68, Savoy C 61, Services Social B 61; Market Street A 57; West Cadotxon Cons Z 65, End A 57; Wyndham Cons D 55; Market Street B 48; Harbour A 45; Cadotxon Cons A 44; Penarth Cons B 28, End B 35.

Snooker Division 2: Barry Services Social B 4, West Barryleagues.co.uk.

Pupil earns Welsh rugby cap



YSGOL Gymraeg Bro Morganwg pupil Mason Grady has earned his first under-20s cap for Wales. On February 21 Mason started in the first 15 for Wales against France. They won the game 14-11.

Mason, year 13, has always been talented in rugby. He has won several caps in junior and senior Wales' team and has represented Ysgol Gymraeg Bro Morganwg at rugby. He is also part of the Cardiff Blues squad and plays regularly for Pontypridd RFC. At 17 years old, this was his first time playing for the under-20s team.

Mason continues the long line of Ysgol Gymraeg Bro Morganwg pupils who have represented their team in sports. Llongyfarchiadau Mason!

The game was held in Parc Eirias under difficult weather conditions. However, that did not stand in the way for Mason and his Welsh team-mates to take the lead. His brother, Cory Allen, was also there to support him.

Ysgol Gymraeg Bro Morganwg headteacher Hywel Price said: "We are very proud of Mason and his achievements. To win a cap for your country is an honour, but this also shows how talented Mason is to have been chosen for this team. He continues to be a polite pupil here with us at school where he is studying his A-Levels. We cannot wait to see what the future holds for this star pupil!"

Mason continues the long line of Ysgol Gymraeg Bro Morganwg pupils who have represented their country in sports.

Llongyfarchiadau Mason!

On and off the Turf with Brian Lee

Jack wins by a nose
MERTHYR Mawr's Jack Tudor riding the top weighted Kearney Hill in the Conditional and Amateur Riders

National Hunt Flat race at Doncaster on February 29 managed to get his mount home by a nose – the shortest official winning distance – from Nells Son, who was racing for the first time in public.

Kearney Hill, a winner at Musselburgh on its only previous start, was returned at odds of 2-1. Jack, a former pony racing rider of note, is stable jockey to Ogmore-By-Sea's Christian Williams and has done really well since joining the paid ranks.

Vale riders on good form
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Lisa presents Welsh gifts to fellow golfers



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Success for YMCA Barry gymnasts

YMCA Barry had an excellent weekend at the South Central Grading Championships, with 24 gymnasts entering and all passing their grades.

Each grade consists of asymmetric bars, vault, floor and beam, as well as a range and conditioning routine to test their flexibility and strength. Grade 6 is the first that gymnasts complete at age eight and the YMCA Barry Gymnasts did not disappoint. Eleri Melinn, Olivia Melinn, Lellie Jones, Isla Enos, Darcy Davies, Liara Patten, Elinor Provis and Gracie Mae Leeks performed excellent routines and demonstrated great maturity for such young children. As well as all passing their grade, the following results were also achieved:

On vault, Lellie placed sixth and Isla second; on beam, Lellie was fifth, Olivia third and Isla became the South Central Wales Grade 6 Beam champion. On floor, Darcy was sixth, Olivia fifth and Lellie fourth. With all the scores combined and in

the overall positions, Isla was sixth, Olivia fifth and Lellie fourth. Olivia and Lellie will go on to represent South Central Wales at the Welsh grades finals later in the month and Isla is reserve for the team.

Nine year olds Soren Hill, Farron Jones, Llinos Jones, Charlie Rae Davies and Olivia Strong all passed their grade 5 with flying colours. Additional achievements included on vault. Llinos finished fifth, Soren fourth and Charlie became the South Central Wales Grade 5 vault champion. On beam, Charlie was fourth, Llinos second and Llinos also third on floor. With all of their scores combined, Llinos achieved sixth overall and is reserve for the team representing South Central in the Welsh finals for Grade 5.

At grade 4, Lacey Jones, Katie Wong, Ava Carter, Taya Anderson, Ellie Gronow, Summer Weir, Ella Jones, Maddie Weir and Macey Carter performed many complex routines to an exceptional standard. On vault, Maddie was sixth, Katie second and Summer was the South Central Wales

Grade 4 Vault Champion. On bars, Ellie came sixth and Lacey fifth; on beam Macey came third, Ellie was sixth on floor with Taya fifth and on range and conditioning Maddie was second. In the overall category, Katie placed sixth and became the reserve for the South Central Grade 4 Welsh team.

The final category was grade 3 and Sophie Notton and Ruby Clark competed complex skills beautifully. On beam, Ruby came sixth and Sophie fourth, with Sophie also fourth on range and conditioning.

YMCA Barry gymnastics club is the most successful gymnastics club in the Vale of Glamorgan and offers an extensive gymnastics programme. The club caters from baby and toddler gymnastics to recreational gymnastics for girls and boys of all ages, trampolining as well as competitive gymnastics for all levels. YMCA Barry also offer inclusive opportunities for children with additional needs.

Contact 01446 724000, email sophie@ymcabarry.org.uk or follow on social media @ymcabarry.

Latest news from the Bridge Clubs

Vale of Glamorgan THE latest results from the Vale of Glamorgan Bridge Club for March 2 are as follows:

First, Kevin Maddox and Mike Best, 65.91%; second, John Raymond and Alan Lewis, 60.51%; third, Debbie and Simon Richards, 58.52%. LE

Penllyn
THE results from Penllyn Bridge Club for February are:

February 6: 19 pairs, first, Myrtle Hansard and Lyn Chamberlain; second, Marian East and Barbara Easterbrook; third, John Lord and Jo Ilsey.

February 13: 16 pairs, first, Helen and Mike Ruttley; second, Allan Evans and Alan Beckwith; third, Marian East and Barbara Easterbrook.

February 20: 14 pairs, first, Alan Beckwith and Allan Evans; second,

Eric and Anne Sparks; third, Rita Williams and Gill Harding. AB

Barrivale

THE results for the Barrivale Bridge WBU3 heats on February 25 are as follows:

First, Mike Best and Mick Green, 72.22%; second, Mike Close and Kay Dyer, 59.72%; third, Simon and Debbie Richards, 59.38%. The handicap winners were Mick Green and Mike Best. A partner may be arranged, if required. Call 01446 418380, 01446 733425, 01446 735592.

First, Eifion Watkins and Alan Beckwith; second, Hilary Bevington and Ros Martin-Jones; third, Mike Stephens and Gill Daniels. February 24: First, Hilary Sheldon and Sandy Smith; second, Allan Evans and Norma Barber; third, Gill Daniels and Mike Stephens.

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THE results for

February 3 are:

First, Cathy Mangels and Julie Phelps; second, Carolyn Leonard and Meryl Phillips; third, Colin Hawkins and Alan Beckwith. February 17: First, Eifion Watkins and Alan Beckwith; second, Hilary Bevington and Ros Martin-Jones; third, Mike Stephens and Gill Daniels. February 24: First, Hilary Sheldon and Sandy Smith; second, Allan Evans and Norma Barber; third, Gill Daniels and Mike Stephens.

The club meets every Monday at the Llantonyian Church, Heol y Llongau, Barry CF634AP. LH

Barry Central Bowling Club

WITH the new season almost upon the club, improvement work has been ongoing throughout the winter months.

At present, the clubhouse is being brought up to standard and we have received a great deal of support from the Vale Parks department; the committee wish to express their thanks for all help received.

Unfortunately, at the conclusion of the 2019 outdoor season, club president Stan Smith retired. He has served the club loyally for many years, only for health and age to catch up with him. He will always be warmly welcomed at the club. His position has been taken by John Bergland.

The forthcoming season will see the club without a ladies' section; we hope the club will not be long without a

Barry Town veterans are selected for Wales in Tri-Nations event



Five Barry players were selected for the Wales over-60s team (pictured above).

BARRY Town Vets moved to the top of the Wales Veterans Over 55 League with a comfortable 3-0 win over Newport on February 16.

At a very blustery Jenner Park, the weather could have been a real leveller but with Barry's defenders Jones, Averies and Gibbins dealing with the conditions, it did not take long for their midfield colleagues Huish, Gibb, Dupuy, Staddan and Murray to force the beleaguered opposition into a desperate rear-guard action.

Strikers, Bobbett and Hill (turning back the clock at centre forward) were a constant threat but Newport defended stubbornly and when they were breached, their keeper was also defiant, expertly saving a fierce strike from Barry captain Jones. Jones was not so accurate minutes later however, when he hit a barn door from a 'botched' free-kick. But the defence was finally breached when Bobbett converted a fine Huish pass and gave his team a well-deserved 1-0 lead going into half-time. Minutes after the restart, Hill, in his first match since a foot operation, rose to nod home Barry's second from an Averies cross before manager Blackie rang the changes. Rutherford, Marshall, Brown and Taylor had only been on the pitch moments before Murray made the

game safe, finishing with aplomb after a fine run to take Barry to the top of the league with two matches to play.

Over 50s: In the over 50s game, Barry Town faced bottom of the table Mathern. It was good to see keeper Harding in the dugout after a heart scare earlier in the week, but replacement Niblett was untroubled in an underwhelming contest. Although the game lacked energy it was no surprise when Tommy Taylor gave the hosts the lead. Dupuy scored after repeated efforts and Sullivan established a comfortable 3-0 lead. The game was postponed shortly afterwards when Town defender Paul Simms sustained a serious ankle injury; everyone at the club wishes him a speedy recovery.

Over 60s: At the inaugural over 60s tri-nations tournament in Northern Ireland, five Barry Town players made the Wales 60s starting line-up. Brown, Huish, Price, Staddan and captain Bobbett performed well in a scoreless draw against the hosts, followed by a 2-2 draw against England, with Price getting on the scoresheet. Northern Ireland lifted the trophy after a victory over England. Barry Town over 60s face Llantrisant in a top of the table clash on March 8 at Ystrad. The o55s face Llantrisant at Tonypandy the following Sunday.

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Barry Chess Club turn up some new players

THE Barry Chess Club had two and Ieuan Thomas all matches this week: won their respective

The Gambits in division three needed a win against Bridgend to ensure we don't fall into the relegation mire, and the Stauntons in

division four were looking to extend their unbeaten run to four matches.

As a club we have gained some new members of late including experienced players who have been unavailable. This allowed the captain to select from a stronger group of players. John

of the season against this Pentyrch team. Could we turn the tables on them this time? No. We lost by the same margin of 4.5 – 0.5. Ray Denyer was the man to save our blushes and earn a draw, he is now unbeaten this year!

The Stauntons remain in seventh place.

The Barry Chess Club meet at 7.30pm most Mondays at the West End Club, St Nicholas Road, Barry, CF62 6QY and is open to players of all standards. You're welcome to just turn up on the night, but it is better to contact one of the club members through the website first.

Visit barrychessclub.yolasite.com.

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